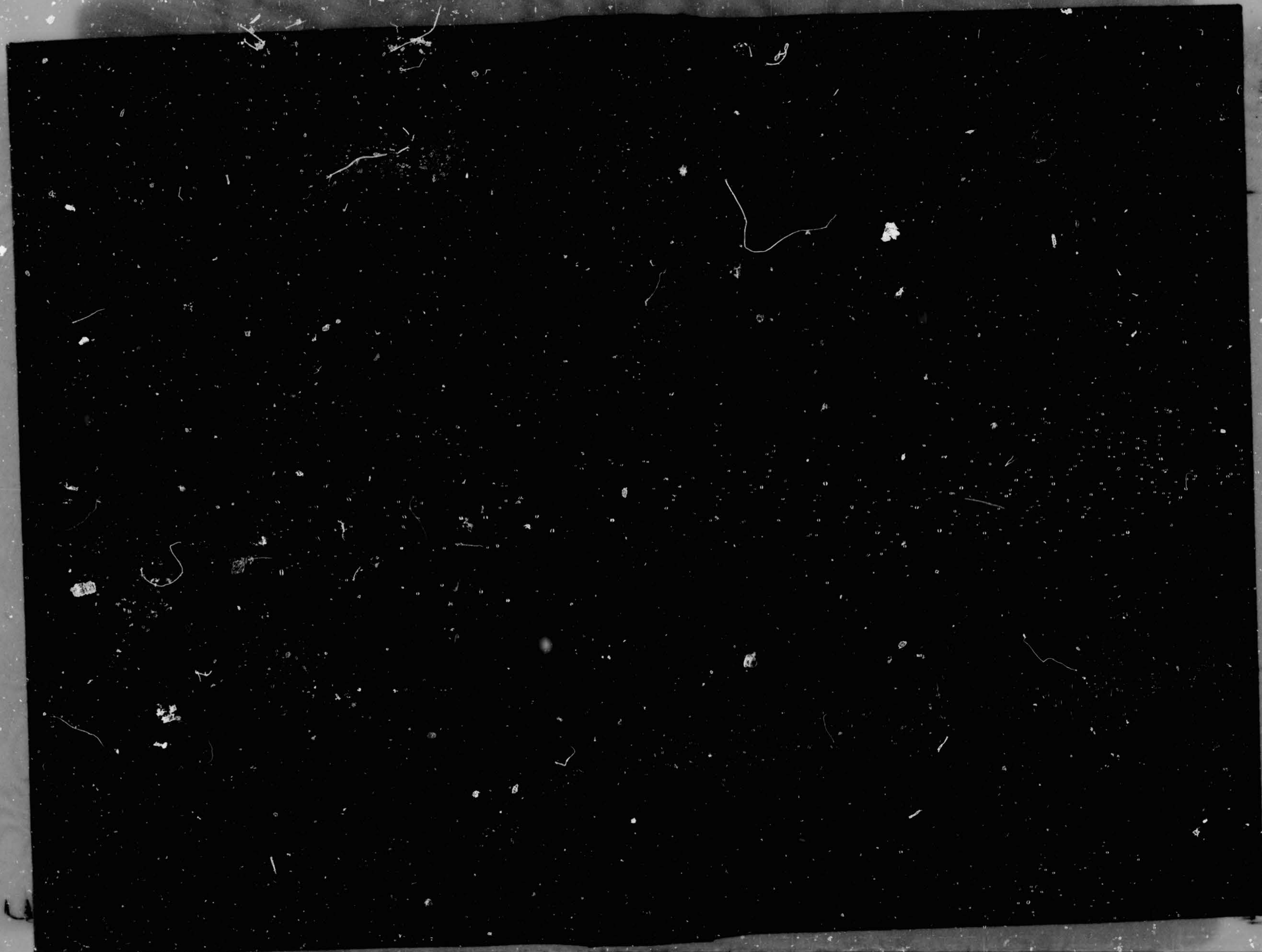


MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #94
TOWN RECORDS 1824-1826, 9:1-57 Holbrook



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8th Annual March Meeting for 1824.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury being duly assembled in Town meeting on Thursday March 11th 1824, pursuant to warrant duly issued & returned, to act on the following business inserted in said warrant viz;

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To choose all Town officers required by law to be chosen in the months of March or April annually.
3. To raise such sum of money as said Town shall think expedient for the purpose of amending & repairing the highways and bridges in said Town, the present year, and direct the manner in which the same shall be expended.
4. To choose a Committee to inspect the aboive fishery in said Town the ensuing year and allow them such compensation for their services as the Town shall see cause.
5. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and report the state of the Treasury.
6. To allow their Treasurer such sum of money as they shall think proper for his services, for the year ending in March 1824.
7. To determine what method said Town will adopt to collect the public money to be applied in said Town the present year, and act thereon as they shall see cause.
8. To appoint a Committee to receive, examine and allow accounts against the Town if they shall think proper.
9. To approve and allow the disbursements of the Selectmen in laying out or altering any Road or Road within said Town, the present year, and act on any thing therein as they shall see cause.
10. To receive and allow the accounts of any person against said Town, and order payment as they shall see cause.
11. To determine whether staves shall be allowed to at large within said Town, the present year, and voted according to law.
12. To determine whether said Town will allow cart cattle to run at large on the highways and commons the present year.
13. To appoint a Committee to deal out hennings to such poor persons as in their opinion ought to receive them gratis from the Town, if they shall see cause.

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14. To choose some person to keep the Town Pound.
 15. To choose some person to have the care of the Town Houses if they shall see cause.
 16. To hear the request of Capt. Elisha Pierce and others requesting that School No. 13. be discontinued and the Inhabitants of the same set to the several adjoining districts as may best accommodate them and act any thing thereon said Town shall think proper.
 17. To see if said Town will reconsider the vote wherein they voted (at a former meeting) to reserve the money derived from the sales of the fish for the purpose of building an almshouse in said Town, and act any thing thereon as they shall see cause.

Voted by ballot for Medford and unanimously made choice of
 Dr. Abner Thompson Medford

The following gentlemen duly elected to the several Offices herein designated, viz. for the year ensuing, viz.

Isaac Stevens Clerk.

Capt Samuel Thompson
 Seth Miller Esq
 Abner Clark Esq
 Capt Enos Washburn
 Seth Eaton Esq.

Selectmen

Levi Tinkham Treasurer.

Constables.

Darius Miller, Rufus Alden jun. Reuben Hayfords,
 Luke Reed, Nathaniel Macomber, Joseph Perkins
 Joseph Black's, William Cornish jun. & others
 Elisha T. Clark, John B. Perkins

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Surveyors of Highways.

Edward Sparrow, Nathaniel Hall, William Wilson, Nathaniel Thomas, Abel Thompson, Zebulon N. Pratt, Apollas Eaton, Barnabas Eaton, Willard Clark, Thos. P. Tinkham, Southworth Ellis, Chas. A. Pickens, Nathaniel Macomber, Amos Raymond, Jonas Paul, Isaac Hammond, Daniel Sawyer, Elisha Wood, Jonathan Cobb, Timothy Smith, Noah Clark jun, Samuel Reed, Jeremiah Keith, Chas. A. Stedbridge, Silvanus Paris, Leodall P. Minton, Joseph Shockley, Jonathan Standish, George Wood, James Thomas jun, Shira Hubbard, Elijah Shaw jun, Reuben Hayfords, Peter Vaughan, Peter Duggan, John Sampson jun, Willard Wood, Holmes Sampson, Eli Shaw, Nathaniel Bennett, Wilson Wood, Enos Richmond, Josiah Freeman, Nathaniel Sparrow, George M. Wood, Thomas Sturtevant, James Gammon, James Sparrow.

Surveyors of Land.

Levi Tinkham, Samuel Bennett, Earl Sears jun, Martin Clark, Elisha Clark jun, James Sprout, Bela Higgins, Seth Eaton, Chas. A. Pickens.

Viewers & Field drivers.

William Shaw jun, Joseph Jackson, Andrew Weston, Nathaniel Macomber, Thomas Clark, Samuel Reed, Gusham Fitter, Daniel Gurney, Leander Elmes, John Sampson jun, Saring Miller, W. T. Wood, Wm. Barnard, Silas Pickens, George M. Wood, Henry A. Wood, Thomas Ferry, Oliver Pierce, Thomas Washburn jr, Samuel Wilson, George M. Wood, Josiah Martin, Thomas F. Barnard.

Tithingmen.

Elephat Elmes, Daniel Gurney, Earl Sears, William Wilson, Samuel Miller jun.

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Mar. 4. Annual March Meeting for 1824. cont.

Assessors.

Jacob Bennett 2^d, Elisha Richmond, William Hayford,
 Jonas Paul, Samuel Baker Jun.

Town Officers.

Daniel Jones, Simon Sutt, Ebenezer Shaw, Elisha Gills,
 Francis Wood, Joseph Black 3^d, Daniel Savary, Ansel
 Fairness, Charles Keith.

School Agents.

Nathaniel Shurtliff 3^d, Brocher Cobb, James Sparrow,
 Thomas Weston, Bradford Harlow, Eliah Dean,
 Stephen Tillman, Samuel Atwood, Winslow Thomas,
 John Benson, Otis Thomas 2^d, Nathaniel Hall, Pauland Pierce,
 Edward Sparrow, Abisha Wood, Samuel Harlow,
 Lewis Barrang, Miles Wood, Joseph Bump 2^d, Elijah
 Alden Jun, Luke Reed, Thomas F. Leonard, Silas Hathaway,
 Schabas Thomas, Willard Black, Caleb Bapett Jun, Henry
 P. Booth, Ethan Pierce, Luther Washburn, William Wilson,
 Joseph Jackson, Ebenezer Pickens, Samuel Baker, Abner
 Wood Jun, William Southworth, Cephas Thompson.

Voted and choose William Bourne Esq., Rev. Isaac Kimball &
 Deak Robert Capen a committee to report, at adjournment,
 such suitable persons as they shall think proper to be chosen
 a committee to visit the Town's schools.

Committee of Accounts.

Miles Wood, Abiel Washburn, Luther Washburn, Gamaliel
 Rounselle, Abiel P. Booth, Zachariah Eddy & Peter H.
 Pierce Esquires -

Voted to raise the sum of Three Thousand dollars to be applied in the
 polls & rates of the Inhabitants of said Town, for the exp^t
 purpose of amending the Highways & Bridges in said Town
 the present year.

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Mar. 4. Annual March Meeting for 1824. Cont.

Voted that Miles Wood, Ezek. Eddy, Abiel Hubbard & Abiel
 J. Black & John Tinkham be a committee to consider and report
 what method should, in their opinion, be adopted in laying out
 the money on the highways the present year, and also to
 report what sum of money is necessary to be raised for that
 purpose.

Voted that said committee be instructed to enquire into the conduct
 of the Surveyors the past year, & report to this meeting whether
 said Surveyors have conformed to the requirements of Law and the
 votes of the Town or not.

Voted that the following persons be inspectors of the Marine fishery,
 without expense to the Town, viz, Abner Barrang, Colman Cole,
 Jacob Barrang, Seth Eaton, Abraham Bryant, Joseph Bishbee, Silas
 Barrang, Sorrow Wood, Saml. M. Hackett, Luther Mudgett,
 Luther Washburn, Gamaliel Rounselle & Samuel Briggs -

Voted that Humphrey Alden be appointed an Inspector to inspect
 at Spawampset Brook, except on fishing days, at that place
 at the expense of the Town.

Voted that William Bourne, Gamaliel Rounselle & Abiel
 Washburn Esq. be a committee to settle with the Treasurer &
 report the state of the Treasury.

Voted to allow Isaac Tinkham the sum of eighteen dollars as
 full compensation for his services as Treasurer of said Town,
 for the year ending in March 1824.

Voted that swine shall not be allowed to run at large in said
 Town the present year.

Voted not to allow neat cattle to run at large in said Town
 the present year.

Voted & chose Benjamin Thompson. Pound Keeper.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to Monday the fifth day of
 April next at one O'clock P.M.
 Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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 1824 April 5. Annual April Meeting.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Governor & Senators and in Town affairs being duly assembled in Town Meeting, at their Town House, on Monday April 5th 1824, pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned, to act on the following business contained in said Warrant.

1. To give in their votes for Governor & St. Governor of this Commonwealth & two Senators or councillors for the County of Plymouth the year ensuing.
 2. To choose a Moderator.
 3. To raise such sum of money as said Town shall think proper for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges and expenses arising in said Town, the current year, and direct when the money so raised shall be expended and paid into the Treasury, or act thereon as they shall see cause.
 4. To determine whether said Town will keep a Latin Grammar School or appropriate their school money for English Schools among their several school districts and act thereon as they shall deem advisable.
 5. To determine what said Town will do relative to an Indictment pending in C. L. Pleas for suffering the Rocky Gutter Road to be out of repair, & act thereon as they shall see cause.
 6. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.
 7. To see if said Town will purchase or procure a suitable permanent establishment for the support and employment of such paupers as have or shall have claims upon said Town for assistance & support, or take any measures relative thereto which may be deemed proper.
 8. To see if said Town will petition the next General Court that a Bridge or dam from Sand Water to New Street in Boston, as proposed by John Barney & others or any other petitioners for a like object, may be granted and act thereon as they shall see cause.
- Gave in their votes for Governor, St. Governor &

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and Senators. The whole number of votes given in, were sorted, counted, recorded, declaration thereof made and a copy of said Record attested by the Selectmen & Town Clerk & sealed up & directed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as by the Constitution is directed - and more for the following persons.

His Excellency William Eustis	537 votes	for Governor.
Honorable Samuel Hathorn	227 votes	
Honorable Marcus Morton	536 votes	for St. Governor.
" Richard Sullivan	227 votes	
" Seth Sprague	537 votes	for Senators.
" Joseph Richardson	537 votes	
Barnabas Hedge Esq	221 votes	
Thomas Hobart Esq	225 votes	
William Bourne Esq	1 vote	

Voted & chose Dr. Brad Thompson Moderator.

Voted that the Selectmen be a committee to put the Road leading from the House of Oliver Shaw - to the House of Brad Hatch, called the Rocky Gutter Road, in a suitable state of repair, with instructions to lay out a suitable width each part thereof as is in their opinion too narrow, and that they be authorized to expend such sum of money in the repair of said Road as shall be found necessary for that purpose.

Chose Milnes Wood Esq Agent to attend to the Indictment pending in C. L. Pleas against the Town for suffering said Road to be out of Repair.

Voted for County Treasurer & Rappeter Cotton Esq had 11 votes. It was moved & seconded that a Committee be raised to inquire into the expediency of procuring a permanent establishment for the support & employment of the poor, which motion did prevail. It was then voted not to act on that article relative to a poor House. adj'd to next Town Meeting at 8 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

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April 5. Annual March Meeting by adjournment.

The annual March meeting for 1824 having been duly adjourned to Monday April 5th 1824 was called up, pursuant to adjournment.

Doct. Brad Thompson Moderator.

Voted to excuse Nathaniel Macomber from serving as Constable.

Voted and chose Capt Ethan Pierce Constable.

Voted Henry Booth from serving as fence viewer & chose Abel Booth in his stead.

Voted to excuse Jonathan Cobb as Surveyor of Highways and chose Zenas Bishop in his stead.

Voted to excuse Reuben Haysland as Surveyor of Highways and chose Abel P. Booth in his stead.

The Committee appointed to report a nomination of such suitable persons as they should think proper to be chosen as a committee to visit the Town School,

made a report recommending the following gentlemen to be chosen as such committee men.

Francis Atwood, Zechariah Eddy, Thomas Sturtevant, Thomas Weston, Cephas Thompson, Stephen Harlow, Stephen Tibbitt, Sathrop Thomas, Seth Muten, John Benson, Abel Dean, John Pickney, Jonathan Cobb, Wm. Harlow, Aliska Wood, Peter Vangham, Aliska T. Clark, Milkes Wood, Abner Hubbard, Paul Hathaway, Benjamin Richmond, Elijah Alden Jun, Andrew Weston, Ephraim Seash, William Clark, Keith Bapitt, Abel P. Booth, Oliver Pierce, Suther Mathew, William Nelson, Joseph Jackson, Ebenezer Pickney, Carl Sears Jun, Jacob Bannet, Joshua Haskins Jun, Jacob Thompson &c.

which Report is accepted and Committee appointed.

Voted to sell collection of the public money to be apportioned in said Town, the present year, at auction.

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April 5. Annual March Meeting for 1824. cont.

The Committee appointed to consider and report what method should be adopted in laying out the money on the Highways the present year &c. made a detailed Report, accompanied by several Resolves, which Report was accepted, and the following Resolves passed, viz,

That all surveyors who do not take their oaths previous to receiving their Tax bills shall be prosecuted by the Town Treasurer, so soon as the fact shall come to his knowledge without further Instructions from the Town.

That the Surveyors of Highways of the several districts in Town shall be held responsible for the safety and good condition of the Roads in their respective districts, and held to make good any damages which the Town may suffer by their neglect.

Also that the assessors deliver with the Tax bills a warrant to the respective Surveyors.

Voted to accept and approve of the Report of the Selectmen altering the Highway near the House of William Pister.

Voted to accept and approve the Report of the Selectmen shortening the Highway near the House of Thomas Conington.

William Nelson, Amos Mathew, Simon Backus, Elijah Shaw, Peter H. Pierce, Levi Pierce & Oliver Pierce were appointed a Committee to deal out Hearings to such poor persons as in their opinion ought to receive them gratis from the Town.

Voted that no order be allowed unless signed by a majority of said Committee.

Benjamin Thompson was appointed to take care of the Town House.

Voted that the request of Elisha Pierce & others respecting School district no. 12. be referred to the Selectmen to consider & report.

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Noted that the vote passed by said Town at a former meeting, appropriating the money derived from the sales of the fish for the purpose of procuring an Almshouse, be reconsidered & repealed; and that said money be taken and used to defray the ordinary expenses of the Town.

Adjourned to next Town meeting which shall be held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleborough held April 5. 1824. Thomas Southworth and Stephen Harlow were appointed Grand Jurors of the L. C. Pleas for the year ensuing, and Elijah Allen Jun. and Levi Washins were appointed Jurors for the April Term of L. C. Pleas, by drawing from the Box according to Law.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

At a legal meeting holden at the office of the Town Clerk April 23^d 1824, Luke Reed and Simon Backus were appointed Grand Jurors and Enos Eaton and Calvin Tillson were appointed Jurors for the next May term of the Supreme Judicial Court, by drawing from the Jury Box according to Law.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

At a legal meeting holden at the office of the Town Clerk May 3^d 1824, Levi Pierce Esq. & Capt. Silas Briggs were appointed Grand Jurors, and Henry Bishop and Joshua Washins Jun. were appointed Jurors, to serve at the next Term of the Circuit Court of the U. S. for Massachusetts District to be holden at Boston on the 15th day of May next by drawing from the Jury Box according to Law.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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May 10th

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Annual May Meeting for 1824.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified according to the Constitution to vote in the election of Representatives to the General Court, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 10th day of May 1824 pursuant to a warrant for that purpose duly issued and returned, for the purpose of electing one or more of the Inhabitants of said Town to represent said Town in the next General Court to be convened & held on the last Wednesday of said month of May, & voted to elect one Representative, and no more.

Then proceeded to vote by Ballot for a Representative.

The whole number of votes given in, sorted & counted were for the following persons, viz.

Isaac Stevens Esq.	90 votes
Barnes Harlow Esquire	30 "
Samuel Baunsell	26 "
Hon. William Baumer	23 "
Seth Eaton Esquire	1 "
Capt. Samuel Thompson	1 "
Ephraim Seach	1 "

Whereupon Isaac Stevens was declared to be duly elected a Representative of said Town.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

The annual April meeting for 1824 having been duly adjourned to Monday May 10th 1824, was taken up pursuant to adjournment, & the following business done. And Thompson & Washins voted to raise the sum of Two Thousand & Five Hundred dollars to be applied upon the taxable polls and estate belonging to said Town for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges and expenses arising in said Town the current year, the apportionments to be completed and bills committed on the first day of September next, and the money to be paid into the Treasury, one half by the first day of January next, & the other half by the first day of April next.

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no
Latin
School

Voted that the Town will not keep a Latin Grammar School the present year.

Voted that all the money raised for the support of Public Schools in said Town be appropriated for the support of English Schools to be kept in the several school districts in said Town.

Voted not to act on the last article in the warrant which relates to the South Water Bridge. and then

Voted to dissolve said Meeting.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

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May 18th

The annual March Meeting for 1824 having been duly adjourned to May 10. 1824 was taken up pursuant to adjournment & the following business done, Hiram Thompson Moderator. The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and report, made the following Report which read & accepted

They find cash in hands of Treasurer \$118.70
due from John H. Perkins Collection for 1823 589.17
" " John H. Standish 2.50 \$709.87

They also find due the Town on notes & bonds for sale of Fish including interest to this date 289.50

as follows, Two notes of Capt. A. Barnes
one note against Bays & Son 188.55
" " " " " " 70.01
" " " " " " 92.01
" " " " " " 55.74
" " " " " " 55.74
Two " " " " " " 646.01
Dents against Samuel Haplen 185.08
" " " " " " 59.94
" " " " " " 360.00
" " " " " " 266.50
" " " " " " 62.00 \$2331.08
3040.95

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They find due from the Town including interest the following sum, viz.

Two notes to Alden Washburn \$597.66
one note to Huldah Weston 114.43
" " " " " " 40.38
" " " " " " 33.79
" " " " " " 89.28
" " " " " " 327.08 \$1200.54

which leaves a balance in favor of the Town. \$1840.40

Voted that the selectmen and auditors of accounts be respectively directed to number the orders which they shall severally draw on the Treasurer, so that each order shall show its number, beginning at the next meeting. and that the Selectmen be severally required to make out true lists of all orders drawn by them at any meeting and transmit the same to the Treasurer forthwith. and that the Treasurer be required to check against such orders as he shall receive & pay.

Voted to procure the sale of the collection of the public money, and made choice of William Bannister tender master - and the same was sold to Ziba Eaton for two per cent on the dollar on all the money which he shall have to collect, and the said Ziba Eaton procured, Seth Eaton Esquire and John P. Bunsen as his sureties to the Town for the faithful performance of his duties in collecting & paying over the public money, and the Town by vote accepted of said sureties.

Voted and made choice of Ziba Eaton Constable.
Voted & chose Isaac Martin Surveyor of Highways in the place of Apolonia Eaton. Also chose William Bannister agent to dispose of fish at East's and Bostons & chose John Thomas School agent in the place of John Benson deceased from savings.

The Selectmen to whom was referred the request of Eliza Thier & others, respecting the discontinuance of school district No. 13, reported that it is inexpedient to discontinue said district at the present time, which was read & accepted. Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P. M.
Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

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July 31

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Town meeting held 31 July 1824

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro holden on Saturday July 31. 1824. pursuant to Warrant duly issued and returned, for the purpose of determining what said would do relative to an Indictment pending in the Court against said Town for a want of Repair in the Highway leading from the dwelling house of Samuel Fuller in Halifax to the house of Isaac Soule in Middleborough.

Agent chose Seth Miller Junr Moderator

chose Isaac Stevens an agent to answer to said Indictment and represent the interests of the Town in Court.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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July 31

The annuals March Meeting was this day called up pursuant to adjournment and Seth Miller Jr chosen Moderator pro. tem. and by vote adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest S. Stevens Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleboro. holden July 31. 1824 John Warren and Edward Sparrow were appointed to serve on the Jury of trial at the next Term of the C. C. P. to be holden at Plymouth on the 2^d Monday of August.

Attest S. Stevens T. Clerk

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October 11

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Annual Fall meeting for 1824

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough & qualified to vote in Town affairs being duly assembled in Town meeting on Monday October 11. 1824. pursuant to Warrant duly issued & returned, to act on the following articles inserted in said Warrant, viz.

1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To make a contract with some person or persons for the support & maintenance of all the paupers which shall be chargeable to said Town for one year commencing on the second Monday of April 1825, by selling the same at public auction or otherwise as the Town shall see cause.
3. To dispose of the privilege of taking the fish called alewives at the several fishing places assigned by Law, the year ensuing, either by selling the same at auction or by appointing agents to take the same, & act thereon as they shall see cause.
4. To choose a committee to see that the alewives have a sufficient passage way up the stream the year ensuing.
5. To appoint an agent to attend to the petition of Thomas Beantown & al., pending in the S. J. Court, praying that the proceedings of the Court of Superior Judicature in a certain Highway in said Town, may here be suspended thereon as they shall see cause.
6. To see if said Town will give their Treasurer any new money relative to prosecuting these surveyors of Highways who neglect to take their oaths in season, and act thereon as they shall see cause.
7. To see if said Town will give any instructions to their Treasurer relative to collecting the money due said Town on notes & bonds or any part thereof and act thereon as they shall see cause.
8. To see if said Town will pay the expense of moving a piece of fence which now stands on a piece of Highway lately laid out on the land of Solomon & al. & accepted by said Town, and act thereon as the Town shall see cause.

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October 11. Annual Fall Meeting for 1824.

Made choice of Dr. Isaac Thompson Moderator.
 Voted that Willey Wood Esq. Samuel Smith, William
 Stoshide, Martin Keith Esq. and Simon Backus be
 a committee to make a contract with some person
 for the support and maintenance of all the paupers
 which shall be chargeable to said Town for one year
 commencing on the second Monday of April 1825.
 the conditions of sale to be the same as have been
 usual for a number of years past.

Voted to postpone the sale of fish till Aug. 1st of this year.

Voted and made choice of Abner Barron, Suther Washburn

to select Wood for bludgeon men to see that the
 fish have a sufficient passage up the stream.

Voted that Isaac Stearns be appointed Agent to attend
 to the petition of Thos. Livingston & others pending in S. D. Court.

The Town then went into the consideration of
 the excuses of those burgoes who had not complied
 with the law in regard to taking their oaths, and

voted to direct the Treasurer not to prosecute Henry Wood,
 Timothy Smith, James Sparrow, Elijah Shaw Jr. Nath.
 Hammond Jeremiah Keith, Nath. Barron, Barnaby

Eaton, Abner Raymond & E. L. Shaw.

Voted that the cases of Nathan Bennett, Edward
 Sparrow & Enos Richmond be postponed for further

consideration.

Voted to postpone the cases of William Nelson, Hiram Wood,
 It was moved to find Capt. Nelson Wood, not in the negative.

it was then moved to excuse him, & voted in the negative.

Voted to instruct the Treasurer to collect the money on
 the Town on notes & bonds in equal quarters, early payments

of twenty five per cent each on the amount due, the
 first payment to be made on the first day of July.

Voted that the selectmen be authorized to procure the fence
 mentioned in the last article of the Warrant, by disposing of the

same at public auction, voted to adjourn till Nov. 1st at 8 o'clock P. M.
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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October 11. Annual March Meeting by adjt.

The annual March Meeting for 1824 having been duly
 adjourned to October 11, 1824 was taken up pursuant to

Adjournment. Dr. Isaac Thompson Moderator
 Voted that the report of the selectmen attending &

viewing a Highway near the the House of Southworth,
 Ellis on the petition of said Ellis & others, be accepted

& recorded, and the Highway therein described be altered
 & widened accordingly, there being no expense to be paid

by the Town for sand or fence.

Voted to postpone the consideration of the report of
 the selectmen viewing the Highway from Woodman's

Bridge to John Weary.

Voted to postpone the consideration of the Report
 of the selectmen viewing the Highway near the the

House of Levi Thomas.

Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting to be held
 at the place at 10 o'clock A. M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

November 1st. The annual Fall meeting for 1824 having been
 duly adjourned to Monday, November 1st 1824 was

taken up pursuant to adjournment, Dr. Isaac Thompson Moderator
 Voted to sell the fish taken during at auction, and

be same quantity as the last year, viz, The perch & bass
 shall be at the trouble & expense of impounding the River,

shall sell the fish at a sum not exceeding forty two cents
 the hundred, and shall pay into the Treasury on the

thirtieth of January, the several sums for which the
 wages shall be purchased and shall give Bonds to

the Treasurer for that purpose.

Chose Levi Power Esq. the chairman to make sale
 of the fish.

The were at the splitting mill sold to Philander
 Washburn for the sum of three hundred & seventy five
 dollars, and Simon Wood & Hoshon Bryant were accepted
 as his Bondsmen.

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 The Old Stone ware was sold to Capt. Abner Barrows for two hundred & seventy dollars.
 The asphaltum post brick ware was sold to Capt. Abner Barrows for sixty two dollars. and Seth Eaton Esq & Capt. Silas Barrows were accepted as his bondsmen.
 Voted to excuse Edward Sparrow from paying a fine for not taking his oath as surveyor of Highways in season.
 Voted to adjourn to next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest J. Stearns Town Clerk -

1824 Nov. 1. The annual March meeting for 1824 having been duly continued by adjournment to Monday Nov. 1st 1824, was taken and the following business done.
 Dr. Arch Thompson Moderator
 Voted to postpone the consideration of the Report of the Selectmen widening & straightening the Highway leading from Beach Woods Meeting to the line of the Town of Taunton.
 Voted that the consideration of the Report of the Selectmen widening the Highway near the House of Levi Thomas be further postponed, and that William Barrow, Levi Meice & Seth Eaton Esquires be a committee to confer with the owners of the Land proposed to be taken for said Road, and report what sum of money the board money will accept for the same.
 Voted that the report of the Selectmen widening & straightening the Highway leading from Woodwicks Bridge to the House of John and Daniel Warner be accepted & recorded and that the Highway be widened & straightened accordingly, provided the owners of the Land shall make the stone wall which is necessary to move for the sum of two shillings a Rod; it being understood & stated that there should be no expense to the Town for the Land or for moving the stone fence. Voted to adjourn to the next Town meeting at two o'clock P.M. Attest J. Stearns Town Clerk.

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 Nov. 1. Representative to Congress and Electors

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court being duly assembled in Town meeting pursuant to warrant for that purpose duly issued & returned on Monday Nov. 1st 1824 to give in their votes for a Representative of the Plymouth District in the next Congress of the U. States.
 And also to give in their votes for fifteen Electors of President and Vice President of the U. States.

And also to take into consideration the subject of the Petition of the Inhabitants of Bridgewater, pending in the General Court, praying for the privilege of taking alms in the Great River, and adopting any measures in relation thereto which may seem best in a case.

Gave in their votes for a Representative to Congress, which votes were sorted, counted, declared & there of made and a list thereof read up in open Town meeting, and were for the following persons.

For Hon. Aaron Robart 17 votes
 Hon. Ebenezer Gay 12 votes
 Hon. William Baylies 19 votes.
 After which they gave in their votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the U. States, which were sorted, counted & there of made and a list thereof read up in open Town meeting, and were for the following persons.

At Large. Hon. William Gay 221.	Worcester. Hon. Edmund Cushing 221.
Electors. " Levi Lincoln 221.	Hon. Silas Strong 58.
President. " William Baylies 58.	Worcester. Hon. Jonathan Davis 221.
" William Rice 58.	Dr. Daniel Thacher 58.
Suffolk. Hon. Thomas W. Winthrop 221.	Worcester. Cornelius Ginnell Esq 221.
" Samuel Hubbard 58.	Hon. John M. Williams 58.
Essex. Hon. Nath. Silken 221.	Worcester. Augustus Foster Esq 221.
William Butler Esq 58.	Hon. Edmund Foster 58.
Essex. Hon. Joseph Willoughby 221.	Worcester. Herkiah Barnard Esq 221.
Daniel Hook Esq 58.	Thos. Phelps Martin Esq 58.
Norfolk. Hon. John Cusick 221.	Worcester. Hon. William Walker 276.
Hon. Benjamin Reynolds 58.	Franklin. Oliver Smith Esq 221.
Plymouth. Hon. Thomas Weston 221.	Gardner. Porter 58.
Benjamin Hobart Esq. 58.	Hampden. Elias Post Esq 221.
	Dr. Timothy Thacher 58.

1824
 Nov. 1st Those who Miller Egg Moderator.
 Voted to instruct the Representatives of this Town in the
 General Court to oppose the Petition of the Inhabitants of
 Bridgewater.
 Voted that Wilkey Wood, Thomas Sturtevant & James Miller
 be a Committee to prepare and in the name & behalf of the Town
 present to the General a Remonstrance against the said Petition of the
 Inhabitants of Bridgewater.
 Voted to adjourn this Meeting. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middleborough
 held Nov. 1st 1824, Abner Hubbard & Benjamin Sturtevant
 were appointed to view on the part of said Town at the house of
 L. Rice to be held at Weymouth on the 5th Monday of Nov. instant
 by drawing from the box according to law.
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1825.
 March 7th The annual March Meeting for 1824
 having been continued by adj. to March 7th 1825 was
 called up Arad Thompson Moderator.
 The Committee appointed to confer with the owners
 of the Land proposed to be taken for widening the
 Road near the House of Levi Thomas, made a Report
 in writing which was read upon, but is on file.
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday of
 April next at one o'clock P. M.
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1825.
 March 7th The annual Fall Meeting for 1824 having
 been continued by adj. to March 7th 1825 was called
 up Dr. H. Thompson Mod.
 Voted to choose two additional sluice way men to see
 that the sluices have a sufficient passage way up the
 stream this year ensuing, on the condition that the Town
 shall be at no expense for their services, and made choice of
 Joseph Bidder & Elisha Richmond for that purpose.
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P. M.
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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 March 7th Annual March Meeting for 1825.
 The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
 to vote in Town affairs being duly assembled in Town Meeting
 on Monday March 7th 1825 pursuant to a warrant for this
 purpose duly issued, said Town met to act on the following
 business contained in said warrant, viz.
 1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
 2. To choose all Town officers required by law to be chosen in the
 month of March or April annually.
 3. To raise such sum of money as said Town shall think
 expedient for the purpose of amending and repairing the
 Highways & Bridges in said Town the present year, and
 direct the manner in which the same shall be expended.
 4. To choose a committee to inspect the alvaine fishery in
 said Town the ensuing year, and allow them such
 compensation for their services as the Town shall see cause.
 5. To choose a committee to settle with their Treasurer and report the
 state of the Treasury.
 6. To allow their Treasurer such sum of money as they shall think
 proper for his services for the year ending in March 1825.
 7. To determine what method said Town will adopt to collect the
 public money to be assessed in said Town the present year,
 and act thereon as they shall see cause.
 8. To appoint a committee to receive, examine and allow accounts
 against the Town if they shall think proper.
 9. To approve and allow the doings of the selectmen in laying out
 or altering any Road or Roads within said Town the present
 year, and act on any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
 10. To receive and allow the accounts of any person against said
 Town & order payment as they shall see cause.
 11. To determine whether or not shall be allowed to run at large
 within said Town, the present year, mares & geldings according to
 law.
 12. To determine whether said Town will allow next cattle to run
 at large on the Highways & Commons the present year.

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13. To appoint a Committee to deal out Savings to such poor persons as in their opinion ought to receive them & notes from the Town, if they shall see cause.
 14. To choose some person to keep the Town Pound.
 15. To choose some person to have the care of the Town House, if they shall see cause.
 16. To see what said Town will do in regard to an Indictment found against them for the Highway being out of repair from the Fresh Meadow Forge to the House of David Curtis in said Town, by the old Spruce Meeting House (as called)
 17. To choose a Committee to settle accounts remaining unsettled between said Town & Samuel Harlow & act thereon as the Town may see cause.
- Voted by Ballot for Moderator, and made choice of Dr. Arad Thompson Moderator.
- The following Gentlemen were duly elected to the offices hereafter designated for the year ensuing, viz,

Isaac Stevens Clerk

Samuel Thompson	Selectmen
Samuel Harlow	
Abner Clark Esq	
Enoch Haskins	
Seth Eaton Esq	

Levi Tinkham Treasurer

Constables.

Darius Miller, Rufus Alden Jr. Reuben Hafford
 Liba Eaton, Joseph Jackson, Joseph Clark 3.
 William Cornish Jr, Eli Atwood, Abisha T. Clark and
 John C. Perkins

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March 7. Surveyors of Highways.

Levi Tinkham, Jonas Raymond, Samuel Rider,
 Jonas Robbins, Venus Thompson, Calvin Shurt-
 William Drake Jr, Benjamin Leonard, Zattu Pickens Jr
 Samuel Miller Jr, Joshua Eddy Jr, Eben. Pickens
 Nathaniel Staples, David Wood, Earl Sears, Ched
 Griffiths, William Shaw Jr, Samuel Smith & Jonathan
 Cobb, Francis Atwood, Noah Clark Jr, Cyrus White,
 William Mordock, John Montgomery, Elias Parrie
 Thomas Washburn & Silas Briggs, Jonathan Standish
 Genl. Rounselle, Amel Wood Jr, Geo. W. Wood,
 Thomas Bennett, Abel P. Booth, Elias Bushman 3d,
 Thomas Wood, Nathaniel Sampson, Wilkes Wood,
 Holmes Sampson, Nathan Washburn, Josiah Barnard,
 Nelson Wood, Stepheniah Shaw, Josiah Freeman,
 Nathaniel Shearman, Geo. Atwood, Earl Sprout
 Simon Benson, Jonas Buchanan & Thomas W. Leonard.

Surveyors of Lumber.

Levi Tinkham, Genl. Rounselle, Earl Sears Jr
 Dura Weston, Abisha T. Clark, James Sprout, Andrew
 Weston, Seth Eaton, Daniel Briggs

Viewers and Fire Drivers.

Charles Thomas Jr, Joseph Jackson, Andrew Weston
 Nathaniel Macomber, Thomas Clark, David Hunt, Gershen Foster
 Philander Sampson, Leonard Elmes, David Shearman, Nathl.
 Atwood, Isaac Shearman, Nathan Bennett, Silas Pickens
 Jacob Thompson & Abel Booth, Joseph Clark 2d, John Allen Jr
 Thomas Washburn Jr, Nathaniel Lewis, Ephes Thompson,
 Joseph Miller, John C. Miller, Jacob Holmes, Daniel Garney
 Arad Thompson, Noah Clark Jr.

Featheringmen.

Eliabald Elmes, Timothy Kirk, Jacob Bennett &
 Abner Hatch, Nathaniel Eddy, Silas Pickens.

Horsekeepers

Ezekiel Turner, Stephen Burgess Jr, William Hayford,
 Josiah Baker, A. P. Booth, Lelet Alden.

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Hog Rovers

Abiel P. Bostwick, Simon Lunt, Oliver H. Alden, Job Ramsdell, Abner Clark, Eliphalet Elmes, Daniel Sawyer Jr., Ansel Farnce, William Lantry, Timothy Hitt

School Agents.

Isaac Santa & Nathaniel Cady, Thomas Pratt, Gamt. Peunscille, Andrew Tucker, Stephen Harlow, Benjamin Thomas, Peter Thomas Jr., Holmes Sampson, Julius Camman, Otis Thomas, Samuel Pious, Elisha Pierce, Loring Miller, Samuel Smith & William Harlow, Abisha T. Clark, Wilkey Wood, Samuel Sampson, Obadiah Sampson, Bela Kingman, Thos. F. Leonard, Josiah Robinson, Nathl. Staples, George Williams, George Pickens, Samuel S. Clark, Job Pierce, Luther Washburn, Josiah Warren, Enos Eaton, Daniel Briggs, Noah Ashby Jr., Nathan Shearman, Andrew Haskins, Bradford Harlow

Fish Inspectors nominated by Purchasers and chosen by Town, to be paid by Purchasers - Soren. Wood, Abraham Bryant, Abner Wood, Philander Washburn, Seth Eaton, Abner Warren, Edward Cole, Elisha Richmond, Josiah Furber, Jacob Warren, Joseph Wicker, Richard Foster, Peter Vengham, Luther Munsick, and Capt. Silas Briggs was chosen to inspect at a vacant point at the expense of the Town.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town Meeting helden at this place at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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April. Annual April meeting for 1825.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Governor & Senators and in Town affairs being duly assembled in Town Meeting at their Town House, on Monday, April 14. 1825. pursuant to a warrant duly issued, served & returned. to act on the following business contained in said warrant. viz;

1. " To give in their votes for Governor & Senators of this Commonwealth & two Senators or Councillors for the County of Plymouth.
2. " To choose a Moderator.
3. " To raise such sum of money as the Town shall think proper for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses arising in said Town the current year, & direct where the money so raised shall be applied & paid into the Treasury and act on any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
4. " To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
5. " To determine whether said Town will keep and maintain a grammar school or appropriate all their school money among their several school districts for English grammar schools.
6. " To adopt any measures which said Town shall think expedient in relation to a petition of the Selectmen of said Town, now pending in the General Court, praying that said Town may be allowed the privilege of taking shade and alms in the Town of West River, in that the present laws regulating the therein may be revised.
7. " To hear the request of John Warner & Daniel Warner to be set off from school district No. 19 and annexed to school district No. 5 in said Town, & act thereon as they shall see cause.
8. " To see what said Town will do relative to an action brought by Nathl. Macomber & Nathaniel Staples against Abner Clark Esq. as Guardian of Isaac Hathaway for

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April. his support, and at the same time shall be aware.
gave in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators. The whole number of votes given was, were sorted, counted, recorded, declaration thereof made and a copy of said Record attested by the Selectmen & Town Clerk held up & directed to the Secretary of the Com. & announced, and were for the following persons.

Hon. Levi Lincoln had 258 votes for Governor
Hon. Marcus Morton had 219 " for Lt. Governor
Hon. Joseph Richardson " 136 "
Daniel Hitchcock " 121 "
Hon. William Baylies " 115 "
Benjamin Ellis Esq. " 130 " } for Senators

voted & chose Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator.

Lo. Town voted for County Treasurer; and Robert Cotton Esq. had sixteen votes for that office.

Schools voted that all the school money raised in said Town the year ensuing, be appropriated among the several school districts for English Grammar & Cook.

Alumina voted to approve of the petition of the Selectmen respecting the fishery in the Taunton Great River, and chose Thomas Sturtevant Esq. Wilkes Wood Esq. & Capt. Henry Barrows a Committee to take into consideration the subject matter of said Petition, with instructions to view the River and report, at the adjournment of this meeting, any facts that they shall think important, and recommend any measures which in their opinion ought to be adopted by the Town, in relation thereto.

Sch. Dist. voted that the request of John Warner & Daniel Warner be referred to the Selectmen to report at adj.

action, voted that Zachariah Edgely Esq. be Agent of the Town & Clerk to advise with Hon. Blank Esq. relation to the action of Staples & H. Macomber against him, with general authority either to settle or defend the same as he shall think proper. voted to adjourn to next Town meeting at one o'clock P.M.
Met Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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April. Annual March Meeting for 1825 by Adj.

The March Meeting for 1825 having been duly adj. to April 4th 1825 was taken up and the following business done

G. Brad Thompson Moderator.

Highways voted to raise the sum of three thousand dollars for the repair & making the Highways & Bridges in said Town the present year to be paid in labor at the same prices & times as has been done in past years - and that the assessors shall deliver their bills to the several Surveyors of Highways as soon as the first day of June next.

Duty of It was voted that all Surveyors of Highways in said Town, who do not take the oath of office previous to receiving their Tax bills, shall be presented by the Town Treasurer, soon as the fact shall come to his knowledge, without further instructions from the Town.

It was also voted that the Surveyors of Highways of the several districts in the Town, shall be held responsible for the safety & good condition of the Roads in their respective districts, and held to make good any damages which the Town may suffer by their neglect.

Also that the assessors deliver with the Tax Bills, a warrant to the respective Surveyors.

also that the Clerk cause to be printed two thousand copies of the above votes, & deliver each Surveyor a printed copy of the above votes.

voted that the Selectmen be directed to call on Jairus Gammons & Noah Hammond Secretaries in the year 1826, to render an account of their doings in consequence of the Road leading from the House of David Bates by the Spruce meeting House to Ames being indicted, said Road lying partly in each of their districts.

allowed Voted to allow Levi Tiahum the sum of eighteen dollars in full compensation for his services as Treasurer of said Town for the year ending in March 1825.

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Com. to settle with Treasurer. Voted that William Baume, Gornalish Rounselle and Miles Wood Esq be a committee to settle accounts between the Town & Levi Finkham their Treasurers and report at adjournment of this meeting.

Com. to settle with S. Harkness. Voted that Abiel Washburn, Peter H. Pinner, Gornalish Rounselle, Silas Pickers, Earl Sears Jun, Simon Backus and Seth Miller be a committee to receive, examine & allow accounts against the Town.

Roads. Voted that the Report of the Selectmen widening & straightening the Highway leading from the Quaker house a little northwesterly of Capt Abner Barnum to Rivers Works as far as the Town is the same a little northwesterly of the dwelling house of Capt Abner Barnum Levi & Finney Thomas be accepted & recorded (after striking out that part thereof which relates to compensation to the owners of the land) and that the Highway therein described be straightened & widened accordingly.

Voted that William Baume, Levi Pinner & Seth Ester Esq be a committee to agree with the owners of the land taken for said Highway upon a disinterested Committee or Referee to determine what damages (if any) the several owners ought to receive of the Town for this land thus taken for said Highway.

Voted that the same Committee be instructed to confer with the owners of Land proposed to be taken for a Highway on the petition of Joseph Winslow & others as reported by the Selectmen & get their several reasons & report.

Swine. Voted to postpone the 11th article in the warrant.

New Cattle. Voted that new cattle be not allowed to run at large on the Highways & commons this present year.

Com. to settle with S. Harkness. Voted that Levi Pinner, Branch Harkness, Abner Clark, Samuel Harkness, Simon Backus, Elijah Shaw & Abiel Washburn be a committee to seek out & receive to such poor persons as in their opinion ought to receive their quotas from the Town.

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Chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper.

Chose Benjamin Thompson to take care of the Town House.

Voted not to act on the 16th article in the warrant.

Com. to settle with S. Harkness. Voted that Miles Wood, Seth Miller & William Baume Esq be a committee to settle all unsettled accounts between the Town & Samuel Harkness, with authority to submit the same to arbitration in case they can not agree with said Harkness in a settlement.

Chose Thomas N. Leonard Surveyor of Highways
Chose Scot Barden Surveyor of Highways in place of Thomas Wood who declines serving.

Chose Samuel Thompson Surveyor of Highways in place of Josiah Freeman declined.

Chose Eider Perkins for School agent in place of Stephen Harkness excused.

Chose Jacob Perkins School agent in place of Bela Kingman excused.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town Meeting which shall be held at this place at one o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

Jurors. At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of Middlebury holden April 11, 1825 Luther Washburn & Daniel Thomas were appointed Grand Jurors of C.P. for the year ending & Silas Pickers & Joshua Shaw Jun. Transverse Jurors for the April Term of the C.P. Rec, by drawing from the Box according to Law. Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk.

Jurors
S. J. C.

At a legal meeting holden 11th May 1825 Andrew Weston Esq. Shaw was appointed as S. Juror and Harriet Finkham & Jonathan Cobb as Transverse Jurors for the S. J. Court
Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk.

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May 4. Annual May Meeting for 1825

At a legal Town meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury, qualified according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives held on the fourth day of May 1825 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned, to choose one or more Representatives to represent said Town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth.

2 To hear the report of James Staples to be set off from School district No 28 & annexed to S. District No. 30 & act thereon as they shall see cause.

3 To see if said Town will raise a sum of money for making the road near Woodward's Bridge, & act thereon as they shall see cause.

It was voted to send one Representative & no more. The written votes for Representatives were then given in & were as follows, viz,

Seth Eaton Esq	had 77 votes
Thomas Sturtevant Esq	25 votes
Isaac Stearns Esq	20 "
Dr. And Thompson	6 votes
Genl. Ransomville	3 "
Seth Miller Esq	1 vote

whereupon Seth Eaton Esq, having a majority of votes was duly elected Representative who accepted. It was then voted to reconsider & diminish of the former vote as limits the number of Representatives to be elected to one.

It was then voted to elect two Representatives in addition to the one already elected.

Voted to ballot separately for one at a time.

The first ballot was as follows - viz,

Peter H. Prince Esq	had 61 votes	No choice made
Branch Harlow Esq	55 "	
Thos. Sturtevant Esq	15 "	
William Bourne Esq	3 "	

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A second Ballot was then taken which resulted as follows,

Thos. Sturtevant Esq	had 64 votes	No choice made.
Peter H. Prince Esq	48 "	
Branch Harlow Esq	18 "	
Seth Miller Esq	10 "	
Isaac Stearns	1 vote	
Abner Burrows	1 "	

A third Ballot was then taken which resulted as follows,

Thos. Sturtevant Esq	had 93 votes	Thos. Sturtevant Esq, having a majority of votes, was duly elected & accepted the office.
Branch Harlow Esq	37 "	
William Bourne Esq	17 "	
P. H. Prince Esq	1 vote	
And Thompson	1 "	

The meeting then proceeded to ballot for a third Representative & the first Ballot resulted as follows, viz,

Branch Harlow Esq	had 79 votes	B. Harlow Esq, having a majority of votes, was elected but declined accepting the office.
Dr. And Thompson	41 "	
Chas. Vaughan	11 "	
William Bourne Esq	7 "	

A second Ballot was then taken & resulted as follows, viz,

Seth Miller Esq	had 47 votes	No choice made.
Dr. And Thompson	36 "	
William Bourne Esq	12 "	
Chas. Vaughan	2 "	

A third Ballot was then taken & resulted as follows, viz,

Dr. And Thompson	had 26 votes	Dr. And Thompson having a majority of the votes was elected & accepted the office.
Hon. Mr. Bourne	3 "	

The petition of James Staples was referred to Selectmen to consider & report.

Voted to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to make the Road from Woodward's Bridge to John Marney's & chose Gen. Willard to superintend the same.

Voted to adjourn to next Town Meeting at 2 P.M.

And Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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May 11th

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The annual March Meeting for 1825 having been duly adjourned to Monday 11th of May 1825 was then taken up. J. A. Thompson Moderator.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer & report the state of the Treasury made a report which was accepted and of which the following is an abstract, viz. Due the Town in Bonds & notes in the hands of the Treasurers, as follows, viz.

State of Treasury

From Samuel Harlow & others, exclusive of interest	\$ 157.00
Amos Mathewson & others	" " " \$ 26.77
Suther Mathewson & others	" " " \$ 34.04
Benjamin Leonard & others	" " " \$ 98.08
Benjamin Pierce & others	" " " \$ 24.00
Abner Barrons & others	" " " \$ 52.03
Same	" " " \$ 123.66
Silvanus Barrons & others	" " " \$ 57.25
Jacob Barrons & others	" " " \$ 38.00
Philander Mathewson & others	" " " \$ 375.00
Abner Barrons & others	" " " \$ 332.00
Lika Eaton a collector	\$ 69.32
	<u>2013.15</u>

A sum in the hands of Abner Clark Esq. as Guardian to Isaac Mathewson's Due from the Town as follows, viz.

A Balance to the Treasurer	\$ 33.13
to Abner Mathewson on introduction of J. A. Thompson	\$ 247.00
" Huldah Weston	" " " \$ 110.63
" Nath. Macomber	" " " \$ 141.00
Joseph Bennett	" " " \$ 88.65
Jeremiah Weston on Book	\$ 13.00
	<u>\$ 533.41</u>

Leaving a Balance in favor of the Town \$ 1479.74

From which should be deducted the amount of Town orders in circulation, but which is unknown to the Committee.

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Notice to sell collection of public money at auction. - John Levi Pierce Esq. auctioneer, who offered the same to the lowest bidder, & the same was struck off to Lika Eaton for two & a quarter per cent. on the sum which he shall have to collect the current year, and the said L. Eaton procured Seth Eaton Esq. & McEwen Esq. as his Bondsmen, which was accepted by vote.

The Report of the Selectmen straightening the Highway near the house of Thomas Soule was accepted & ordered to be recorded & the Road attend & straighten accordingly.

The Town refused to accept the Report of the Selectmen for the location of a Road from Apawampet neck across Long Point to Macomber's neck.

Books. Notice that the Clerk be instructed to collect the Statutes to be kept Reports & Maps of the Commonwealth which belong to the collecting Town, & that he be kept by the Town Clerk in future, for the use of himself, the Selectmen, & all the other Inhabitants of the Town.

Order to adjourn this meeting to the next Town Meeting at 3 P.M. Attest J. Stearns Town Clerk.

Annual April Meeting for 1825 having been duly adjourned to Monday 4th May 1825 was taken up & J. Thompson the Moderator. Notice to raise the sum of twenty five thousand dollars to be applied upon the several poll taxes of said Town for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses arising in said Town this current year the apportionments to be completed and bills committed to Collection by the 1st of Sept next and the money paid in to the Treasury, one half by the first day of January next & the remainder by the first day of April next.

The Report of Committee respecting the revision of the Fish Laws was accepted, and is on file.

John Milnes Wood, James Stevens & Wm. Benson Esq. to advise with Representatives about as to what measures ought to be adopted in relation to fish Laws, & render such assistance as may be necessary for that purpose, &c.

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Agents Thompson Esq. be appointed agents of said Town to prosecute & support the petition of the Selectmen of said Town now pending in the General Court for an alteration of the fish law, in the General Court for an alteration of the fish law, in the General Court for an alteration of the fish law, with authority to take all expedient measures, collect evidence & information to lay before the General Court, to present any further petition that shall be deemed by them advisable; and to associate with the agents of other Towns, with a hope of so revising the present fish laws as to remove many of the embarrassments with which the fishery is now incumbered, and particularly to get the late grant to the Town of Bridgewater repealed, or so altered that they shall not sweep the Great River with a seine below the junction thereof of the Nemasket River.

Adjourn to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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July 30th The annual March for 1825, having been duly adjourned to July 30th 1825, was called up pursuant to adj. And Thompson Moderator and adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1825 July 30. The annual April Meeting for 1825 was on the 30th day of July 1825 called up pursuant to adj. J. Thompson Moderator & by vote adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1825 July 30. The annual May Meeting for 1825 was this day called up pursuant to adj. & Mr. Bourne Esq. chosen Moderator pro tem. and by vote adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1825 July 30. Job Pierce & Abel P. Booth were drawn for Travelers Juries for August Court. Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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July 30

The Inhabitants of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Saturday July 30th 1825, pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned, to act on the following business, to wit:

To hear the report of Jonathan Cobb & others that the Town will adopt some method for the repair of Rocky Gutter Road (so called) and act thereon as they shall see cause.

Also to peruse & vote upon the method said Town will adopt for repairing or making the Road leading from Mass Thompson's to Halifax, and raise by Tax any sum of money that shall be necessary for the repair or making both the aforesaid Roads or either of them. Also to appoint an agent or agents, or adopt any other method for establishing the division line between this Town & the Town of Leominster.

Rocky Gutter Road. Voted and made choice of Mr. Bourne Esq. Moderator. Voted that the subject of repairing Rocky Gutter Road be referred to the Selectmen, who shall view said Road & authorize the laying out, such sum of money by the Surveys as they shall deem expedient & proper under all the circumstances of the case.

Thompson Roads. Voted that the Selectmen of said Town and Joshua Eddy Esq., William Bourne Esq., Seth Miller Esq. & Simon Perkins be a committee to view the Road leading from Mass Thompson's to Halifax, and report to the Town on the propriety of taking measures for discontinuing the same.

Line between the Town of Leominster. Voted that Seth Miller and Miles Moody be agents to take measures to ascertain & establish the division line between this Town & the Town of Leominster.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the day of the next March Meeting for the year 1826 at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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Oct. 3

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Annual Fall meeting for 1825.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the third day of October 1825, pursuant to a Warrant for that purpose duly issued, read and returned, to act on the following business contained in said Warrant, viz,

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2^d To make a Contract with some person or persons for the support and maintenance of all the paupers which shall be chargeable to said Town for one year, commencing on the second Monday of April 1826, either by selling the same at public auction or otherwise as the Town shall deem proper.
- 3^d To dispose of the privilege of taking the fish called Alewives, the year ensuing at the several fishing places allowed by law.
- 4th To choose a Committee to see that the alewives have a sufficient passage way up the streams, the year ensuing.
- 5th To see what said Town will do relative to the petition of Abiel Washburn & others pending in the Court of Sessions for a new Highway from the four Corners to the dwelling house of Levi Thomas in said Town, and act thereon as they shall see cause.
- 6th To see what said Town will do relative to the petition of Elisha Haskell & others, pending in the Court of Sessions for a new Highway in said Town, from Madones neck over Long Point to a swampy neck, and act thereon as said Town shall see cause.
- 7th To see what said Town will do relative to the petition of Wilkes Wood & others, pending in the Court of Sessions for the discontinuance of

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a Road beginning near the House of Jaber Smith in Middleborough running by the Houses of said Smith and Moses Thompson to Halifax also to hear the Report of a Committee chosen at a former meeting, or of the Selectmen in relation to the expediency of discontinuing said Road, and act on any thing thereon as the Town shall deem proper.

Voted and made choice of William Broune Esq. Moderator. Voted to appoint a Committee to make a Contract with some person for the support and maintenance of all the paupers which shall be chargeable to said Town for one year from the second Monday of April 1826: and made choice of Wilkes Wood, Peter H. River & Jann. Remond for said Committee.

Voted that sale of Fish be postponed to the day of Annual March Meeting for 1826. Voted & chose Abner Barrows, Seth Eater and Sonen Wood Sluiceway Committee.

Voted to oppose the Petition of Abiel Washburn & others and voted to appoint an Agent for this purpose. and made choice of Seth Eater Esq. for said Agent. Voted to adjourn till Monday 31st Oct. inst. at 2 P.M. ~~Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.~~

1825 Oct. 3rd The Annual March Meeting for 1825 was called up pursuant to adj. of Thompson Mod. and by vote adj. to 31. Inst at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1825 Oct. 31. The Annual March Meeting for 1825 was called up pursuant to adj. of Thompson Mod. and by vote adjourned to the next Town meeting held at this place at 1 o'clock P.M. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1825 Annual Fall Meeting for 1825 by adjt.

Oct. 31 The Town met pursuant to adjt. and then William Bourne the moderator being absent Dr. Grad Thompson was chosen moderator. Roads voted that Cases of Sepsions be requested to across continue the Petition of Elisha Haskell & others long Point to give the Town opportunity to make an arrangement with said Petitioners in regard to the location of the Road petitioned for, in such manner as to satisfy & accommodate said Petitioners without incurring too great a liability on the part of the Town.

Voted that Milker Wood Esq. Seth Southworth & Quohadiak Eddy Esq. be a committee to confer with the Petitioners on the subject of locating said Road and report to the Town such arrangement as can be made with the petitioners, and such measures as the Town ought to adopt in relation thereto.

Appointed Seth Cator Esq. Agent to procure the Continuation of said Petition.

Adj't. to next Town meeting at 1 o'clock P.M.
Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1825 Oct 31

The Inhabitants of Misadun. at a legal meeting holden Oct. 31. 1825. To see what said Town will do relation Thompson to an Indictment pending in C. B. D. against said Town Roads. for suffering the Road leading by the Houses of Isabel Smith & Moses Thompson to Halifax, to be out of repair, & do something in relation to said Indictment as to the Repair of said Road as the Town shall see cause where Dr. Grad Thompson moderated.

Appropriated that one thousand dollars be appropriated and of money paid out of the Treasury to Isaac Freeman, for the purpose of Repairing the Road leading from Moses Thompson's to Long Point with directions to expend fifty of the same dollars as the Town at his discretion, the present

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season, and to expend the residue next summer, and also with power to contract with James Brown for license to break said Road under then it is laid out of necessary for the purpose of completing said Repair, and to go to to present his account to the Treasurers for allowance before he takes the money from the Treasurers.

Agent to Roads voted that Moses Thompson be agent to procure a discontinuance of said Indictment & pay the Cost of the same, with authority to draw from the Treasury a sum of money sufficient for that purpose.

And said meeting was dissolved.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1826

March. The annual Fall meeting for 1825 was called up pursuant to adjournment. William Bourne Esq. Moderator Voted to sell the alvies Fishing, the current year, at auction on the following conditions, viz, The purchasing to be at all the expense of inspecting the River, to sell the fish at a price not exceeding forty two cents a hundred, & pay into the Treasury the several sums for which the same shall be sold in the thirteenth day of June next & give notes to the Treasurers with parties for the payment of the same. When William Bourne Auctioneer.

The ware at the plitting mill was sold to Capt. Warhamiel Bump for the sum of \$800.00
Sale of Fish. Old Stone Ware was sold to Jonathan Standish for the sum of \$230.00
The ware at the Spanampt Brook was sold to Richard Foster for the sum of \$62.50
Notes accept. Henry Barnum & Peter H. Perren as Bondsmen for Capt. Bump, Jacob Barnum & Richard Foster as sureties for Jonathan Standish and Luther Washburn & James Standish as surety for Richard Foster. Voted to instruct Seth Cator Esq. to procure a further continuance of the Pet. of E. Haskell & others to adj't. to 3rd April next at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1826 Annual March Meeting for 1826

Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro, qualified to vote in Town affairs being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday March 1st 1826 pursuant to a Warrant for that purpose duly issued, moved & returned to act on the following business contained in said Warrant. viz,

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
2. To choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the month of March & April annually.
3. To raise such sum of money as the Town shall think proper for a Highway Tax, the present year and direct the manner of expending the same
4. To choose Inspectors of the Alewife Fishery in said Town the year ensuing.
5. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & report the state of the Treasury.
6. To allow their Treasurer such compensation as they shall think proper for his services for the year ending March 1826.
7. To determine the manner of collecting the public money to be imposed in said Town the present year, & act thereon as they shall see cause.
8. To appoint a Committee to receive, examine and allow accounts against the Town, if they shall see cause.
9. To approve & allow the Doings of the Selectmen in laying out or altering any Road or Road within said Town the present year & act anything thereon as they shall see cause.
10. To receive & allow accounts against the Town for any payment as they shall see cause.
11. To determine whether slaves shall be allowed to run at large within said Town the present year.

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12. To determine whether said Town will restrain neat Cattle & Horses from going at large the present year
13. To adopt any method which may be advisable to furnish Herrings to poor persons, gratis, if they shall see cause.
14. To appoint a Pound Keeper.
15. To appoint some person to keep the Key of the Town House.
16. To all what said Town will do relative to the Petition of Joseph Black & others pending in the Court of Sessions for a new Highway from the House of Abel Thomas to the House of William Burrows, & act thereon as they shall see cause.
17. To appoint a Committee to settle accounts between the Town & Nathaniel Macomber & Nathl. Staples.
18. To hear the demand of James Cobb for damages sustained by his Road at New Meadows & act thereon as they shall see cause.

Voted & Chose Doct. Abel Thompson Moderator.
The following Gentlemen were duly elected to the several Offices as herein designated.

Isaac Stevens Clerk.

Samuel Thompson	Selectmen.
Samuel Harlow	
Nathan Washburn	
Enoch Washburn	
Nathan Washburn	
Wm. Wood	Assessors of the Poor.
Edw. Eaton	
William Nelson	
Levi Dickinson	Treasurer.

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Mar. 1.

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Leasestables.

Darius Miller, Rufus Alden, Abiel
Booth, Liba Eaton, Joseph Jackson,
Joseph Clark 3^d, Stephen Harlow,
Nathaniel Shurtleff 2^d, Abisha T. Clark,
John LaPerkins.

Surveyors of Highways.

Darius Miller, Nathan Rider, Isaac Rider,
Percy Thomas Jun, Philander Thompson,
Ebenzer Shaw, David Alden, Samuel Marton,
William Clark, Benjamin Washburn,
Frederick Ellis, Ebenzer Pickens, Nathaniel
Stapley, Thomas Searcy, Earl Sears, William
Hirvick, Stephen Pillsbury, Eliab Woodin,
Roland Pierce, Thomas Sault, Noah Clark Jr,
Lynus White, Job Alden, George Williams,
Samuel Haas, George Dickinson, John
Hensley, Silvanus Barrow, Soren Wood,
Jeremiah Wood, Caleb Alden, Ebenzer Eddy,
Abiel P. Booth, Josiah Harlow, Abraham B. B. B.,
Daniel Smith, Milton Woods, Haines Sampson,
Seth C. Tor, Galen Tinkham, Adoniram Washburn,
Roland Shaw, Frank Fenneman, Charles Hooper,
Jacob Thompson 2^d, William S. Eddy, Ancil
Harris, William Fisher, Isaac Stearns,
Silas Perkins.

Surveyors of Surveyors.

Levi Tinkham 2^d, Gamaliel Rammallan,
Earl Sears Jun, Debra Weston, Elisha Clark Jr,
James Sprague, Joseph Haines, Seta Peter,
Daniel Briggs.

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Fire viewors & Field Drivers.

Andrew Thomas, Joseph Jackson, Ephraim
Shaw Jun, Daniel Macomber, Thomas Clark,
John Perkins, Richard Foster, Job Harris,
Jacob Barrow, Nath. Sampson, Samuel Stearns,
Isaac Shearman, Nathan Brewster, William Clark,
Jacob Thompson 2^d, Earl Sears, Joseph Clark 2^d,
Alvan Pierce, Noah Haines, and Nath. B. B.,
Geo. W. Wood, Elias Bushman, Seta Peter,
Zebulon H. Pratt, John Clark, Nathan
Tinkham.

Fishingmen.

George Searcy, Job Harris, Abiel B. B.,
Alvan Hensley, Nath. Eddy, Silas Perkins.

Horsekeepers.

Ezekiel Turner, Stephen B. B. Jun, Abiel B. B.,
George Burrum, Abiel B. B., John C. Perkins.

Hog Raisers.

Zebulon S. B. B., Simon S. B., Fennel Alden,
Job Ramsdell, Abner Clark, Elisha Eddy,
Samuel Rymond, Ancil Fenneman, Guilford B. B.,
Stephen B. B. Jun.

School Agents.

Isaac Soule, Debra Briggs, Marshall G. B.,
Soren Wood, Geo. W. Wood, Henry Tinkham,
Alfred Shaw, James Thomas Jr, Elias Shaw,
Ancil Benson, Abiel Shurtleff, Nath. Rider,
Zenas Bishop, Nath. Atwood, Scott Barden,
Peter Vaughan, Alden Clark, Levi Tinkham 2^d,
Seta Burdick, Andrew Alden, Galen Shaw,
Samuel Miller Jun, Isaac Richmond, Nathaniel Stapley.

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School House

Isaac Pickens, Luther Ashby, Abel P. Booth,
Ethan Peirce, Abel M. Sampson, Nathaniel
Pinkham, Benjamin Leonard, John S. Haskin,
Samuel Butler, Ichabod Reed, Enock
Haskins, Bradford Harlow.

The subject of the Petition of Joseph
Black & others, contained in the 16th Article
of the warrant, was then called up and
it was noted, that in the opinion of the
Town, it is very necessary an expedient to
have a Road established, either on the Route
petitioned for by Joseph Black & others or on
that of Abel M. Sampson & others. Because the
Travel is not sufficiently great between the
House of Sam. Thompson & the four corners to
justify the opening of any new Road to the
great injury of the private property of
Individuals. 2. Because the expense of purchasing
opening, making & keeping in Repair such Road,
would far exceed any probable benefit to be derived
therefrom. and 3. Because the present Road was
by vote of the Town of 11th of April 1825, widened to a
suitable & convenient width at a considerable expense
to the Town.

Noted that while the Town never instructed as
well as advised the petition of said Black & against
that of the said Sampson, they cannot fail to
express their decided conviction that the Route
described in the petition is entitled to the preference
over that of the said Sampson. Because the land
over which the same runs is far more suitable for
making a good & permanent Road. 2. Because
the saving of Road is made greater in
proportion to the distance of proposed new Road.

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2. Because the expense of making and keeping the
same in repair will be much less than on the
other Route.
Noted that Peter H. Peirce Esq. is an agent for the
purpose of endeavoring to carry into effect the
above vote. adjourned for one half hour.
Met according to adjournment and by vote
adjourned this meeting the first Monday of April
next at one of the clock in the afternoon.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1826

April 3

The annual March meeting for 1826
was, on the third day of April 1826 taken up
pursuant to adjournment, D. H. Thompson Moderator
and the following business done.

Highway

Tax

Noted to raise the sum of three thousand
dollars for a Highway Tax the present year,
to be paid in Saben at the same times &
prices as was allowed in past years. and that
a person deliver Bills to Surveys as early as the first
day of June next.

Resolutions

Surveys

Highways

Resolved, that all surveyors of Highways in said
Town who do not take the oath of office previous
to receiving their Tax-bills, shall be prosecuted by
the Town Treasurer, so soon as the fact shall
come to his knowledge without further instruction
from the Town.

Also, that the Surveyors of Highways in the several districts
in the Town, shall be held responsible for the safety
& good condition of the Roads in their respective
districts, & held to make good any damages
which the Town may suffer by their neglect.

Also that the Surveyors deliver with the Tax-bills a
Warrant to the respective Surveyors.

And that the Clerk deliver to each Surveyor a
printed copy of the above resolves.

1826 Annual March Meeting for 1826 by act.

April 3, 1826
 Com. to audit
 with Treas.
 allow an to
 Treasurer
 Com. to
 Accounts
 Chose William Baume, Gam. Ransomville,
 & Wilkes Road Eng. & a Committee to settle
 with Treasurers & report the state of the Treasury.
 Voted to allow Levi Finkhorn Eighteen
 dollars in full for his services as Treasurer
 of said Town for the year ending in March 1826.
 Voted that Seth Eaton, Nathaniel Wilder
 Peter H. Peice, William Baume, Seth Miller
 & Oliver Peice & Wilkes Road Eng. be a
 Committee to receive, examine & allow accounts
 against the Town.
 Voted to postpone the consideration of Report
 of select men locating Highway on the Petition
 of Zeph. Eddy & others -
 Chose Martin Raymond, Fencer & vicar &
 Field & vicar in room of John Perkins excused.
 Chose Joseph Seaborn & Elias Cushman &
 Fencer & vicar & Field & vicar in place of Noah
 Hammond & Elias Cushman excused -
 Chose Jacob Holmes & Apollis Hastings
 Fencer & vicar & Field & vicar -
 Chose Nath. Shuntliff School agent in
 place of Apice Shuntliff excused -
 Chose Stephen Haslam, Scholastic & Reed
 & Josiah Finkhorn Surveyors of Highways
 in place of Philander Thompson, Frank Clark &
 Silas Bursam excused.
 Chose Silas Briggs Inspector of Salmon Fishing
 at Appan & post Brooks -
 Inspectors
 of Salmon
 Fishing
 Chose Luther Washburn, Richard Fiske
 Abner Barnum, Jacob Barnum Jonathan
 Standish, Peter H. Peice, Seth Eaton
 Joseph Bisbee, Nath. Baume & Nathaniel
 Perkins Jun. & Peter Vaughan Inspectors of
 salmon fishing to inspect at the expense of purchasers.

1826 Annual March Meeting for 1826 by act.

April 3, 1826
 Senior &
 Great cattle
 Com. to audit
 at Herring
 Voted not to act on W. Finkhorn's petition.
 Voted to restrain near 2 Cattle & Horses from running
 at large within said Town the coming year.
 Voted that Levi Peice, Seth Miller, & Oliver Clark
 Andrew Cobb, Simon Backus, Elijah Sherwood
 Abiel Washburn be a Committee to deal and
 Harnings to such poor persons as apply in
 the opinion of said Committee to receive them
 gratis from the Town.
 Chose Benjamin Thompson, Pauper & keeper.
 Chose Benjamin Thompson to keep the key of the Town
 Houses.
 Chose William Baume, Wilkes Road & Seth Miller
 Equine a Committee to examine into the unsettled
 accounts between all matters in difference between the
 Town & Nath. Bacon & Nath. Staples and report
 at adjournment of this meeting a particular statement
 of the facts in relation thereto -
 Chose Ellis Haslam, Isaac Stearns & Phillips
 Baume a Committee to enquire into the claim of
 James Cobb for damages & report at adj. of this
 meeting.
 Voted to choose an additional Surveyor of Highways
 & chose Silas Pickers -
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to next Town meeting
 to be held at this place at one o'clock P.M.
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.
 1826. April 3rd. The Capt. Southworth, Ellis & Abiel
 Nelson were drawn as grand jurors & Levi Finkhorn
 & George Williams as assessors jurors of L.C.P.
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.
 1826
 April 3. The annual Fall meeting for 1825 was taken up &
 adjourned to the next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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April 3. The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday April 3. 1826 pursuant to a warrant & action of which the following is a true copy, viz
 "Plymouth County Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough who are qualified according to the Constitution & laws of this Commonwealth, to vote for Governor & in Town affairs, to assemble and meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of April next at one of the afternoon, to act on the following business, viz,
 1. To give in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and two Senators for Plymouth County.

2. To choose a moderator.
3. To raise such sum of money as the Town shall think proper for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses arising in said Town the current year, and direct when the money so raised shall be assessed and paid into the Treasury, and act anything thereon as they shall see cause.
4. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.
5. To give in their votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Plymouth.
6. To determine whether said Town will keep a Latin Grammar School, or appropriate all their school money on any their several School Districts for English Grammar Schools.
7. To hear the request of Timothy M. Leonard wishing to know to what school district he belongs & act anything thereon as they shall see cause.

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April 3. To hear the request of Jonathan Dureham in relation to a certain sum of money lodged in the hands of Maj. Peter Haardes, at the time that said Maj. Peter Haardes was one of the Selectmen of Middleborough and act anything thereon said Town shall think proper.

Hereof fails not and make due return of this warrant & of your doings therein on or before the said time of meeting.

Given under our hands & seal this thirteenth day of March in the year eighteen hundred & twenty six.

Samuel Hubbard
 Saml. Thompson } Selectmen
 Enosh Washburn }
 Luther Washburn }
 Nathan Washburn }

Plymouth. March 23. 1826. By virtue of this Return. Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of this Town to meet as within directed, by posting up notification at the several meeting houses & the Id. direct.

Joseph Jackson Constable of Middleborough.

The said Inhabitants at said meeting gave in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor & Senators, the whole number of votes given in being sorted, counted & recorded & declaration thereon made, a copy of said Record attested by the Selectmen and Town Clerk was read up and addressed to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and were for the following persons.

His Exp. Lewis Lincoln 489		for Senators
Mr. Samuel Hubbard 29	for Gov.	Mr. Josiah Dickinson 369
Abel P. Booth Esquire 2		Peter H. Pierce Esq 373
Mr. Geo. Sullivan 1		Mr. William Baylies 153
Mr. Thomas S. Minter 511		Mr. Benjamin Ellis 150.
Allen Brengle Esq 49		
Reuben H. Bond 4		
Abel P. Booth 1		

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Chas. William Baurne Esquire Moderator
 L. Treasurer
 Voted for County Treasurer and Register
 Cotton Esq. had seventeen votes for that
 office.

Voted for Register of Deeds and Register
 Cotton Esq. had 19 votes for that office.
 Voted that the School money be expended
 wholly for English Grammar Schools and
 divided among the several School districts.

Voted not to act on a petition in warrant
 Voted that Milkis Wood, Luther Washburn &
 William Baurne be a Committee to examine
 into & report up on the Claim of Jonathan Dunham
 for money paid into the Hands of May, Peter Nae
 Voted to adjourn to the next Town meeting
 to be held at this place at one o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1826 April 27

Debedee Cobb & Ethaw Peirce were chosen
 as Grand Jurors & William Canady & James Leonard
 as Assessors for the S. J. term to be held
 at Plymouth on 3rd Tuesday in May next.
 also as assessors George Pickens & Cyrus
 Washburn were chosen as Grand Jurors and
 Levi Tinkham & Nathaniel Rider as Assessors
 for S. J. of W. S. to be held at Boston
 on 15th day of May next.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1826 Annual March Meeting for 1826 by adj.

May 15th The annual March meeting for 1826 having
 been continued by adj. to May 15th 1826 it was then
 taken up & the following business done, & a motion made
 Voted to choose a School Committee for said Town
 Voted that Moderator nominate said Committee.

The following gentlemen being nominated were
 chosen to that office, viz, Rev. William Eaton,
 Rev. John Shaw, Rev. Philip Colby, Rev. William
 Hubbard, Rev. Asa Kent, Rev. Oliver Briggs, Leck,
 Eddy Esq, Milkis Wood Esq, Elmer Rogers Esq, Mr. Shaker
 T. Clark & Capt. Daniel Miller.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer made
 a Report which was accepted, & of which the following
 is an abstract.

State of
 Treasury

" They find in Hands of Treasurer	\$131.64
Due from Ziba Eaton Collector	\$46.23
deduct percentage for collecting	75.13
Due from Samuel Hudson on Bond & Interest	107.00
" " Amos Washburn "	24.77
" " Luther Washburn "	34.64
" " Bay Leonard on note "	48.08
" " John Barrage "	127.90
" " Jacob Barrage "	20.80
Amount of Sale of Harnings for 1826	\$22.50
They find against the Town	\$1419.96
one note to Huldah Weston on Interest	\$110.63
" " " Jacob Bonnet Esq "	88.65
" " " Nathl. Macomber "	58.99
Out standing notes ag. Town as appears by Returns to Treasury	344.89
Balances in favor of Town	623.16
	\$796.80

Voted that the Treasurer be instructed to collect money
 and pay the notes due to Huldah Weston, Jacob Bonnet
 & Nathaniel Macomber for the same as may be found,
 Voted to sell the collection of public money at auction
 to the lowest Bidder, forthwith.

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1826 Annual March Meeting by adjournment.
 May 15 Chose William Bonney Esq. as Moderator and the Collection
 of all the public Taxes to be opened in said Town the present
 year was sold to Reuben Mayford for three pence and
 all the money which he shall collect - who presented Peter H.
 Pierce & Sister Nathan for his duties to the Town and
 they were accepted as such.
 Collectors Chose Reuben Mayford Constable
 Location & accepted the Report of Selectmen laying out Road
 Highway on the petition of William S. Cady & others & ordered that
 the same be recorded & the Highway therein described
 be laid out & known as a Turnpike -
 Allowance The Committee appointed to enquire into the claims
 James Cobb for damages made a Report recommending
 that he be allowed the sum of five dollars to be
 paid out of the Treasury in full for his damages
 which Report was accepted -
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town
 meeting to be held at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1826 The Annual April Meeting for 1826 having been
 May 15 continued by adjournment to Monday 15 May 1826 was called
 pursuant to a by William Bonney Esq. Moderator.
 Voted to raise the sum of three thousand dollars
 to be opened upon the rateable polls & estates of said
 Town for the purpose of defraying the necessary
 the charges & expenses arising in said Town the present
 year, the agreement to be completed & the bills
 committed to collection by the first day of September
 next and the money collected & paid into the Treasury
 on or before the first day of February next -
 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town
 meeting to be held at this place at 3 o'clock P.M.
 Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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1826 Annual May Meeting for 1826.
 May 15 The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
 15 May 1826, pursuant to a warrant duly issued, do
 determine, of which the following is a true Copy, viz,
 "Plymouth. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough
 in said County -
 In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 you are hereby required to notify & warn all the
 Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified
 according to the Constitution to vote for Representatives
 to assemble & meet together at their Town House in
 said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of May next
 at one of the clock in the afternoon, then & there to elect one
 or more of the Inhabitants of said Town to represent them
 in the next General Court of this Commonwealth -
 2. To choose a Moderator.
 3. To set off Timothy M. Leonard from School
 District No. 22 and annex him with his estate to School
 District No. 36, if they shall see cause.
 4. To hear the request of David Richman & pay respecting
 the damages done to the Mills of Edward Richman and
 by the location of a Highway near the Meeting House
 of Israel Richman & act thereon as they shall see cause.
 Given under our hands & seal at said Middleborough
 this tenth day of April in the year Eighteen Hundred &
 twenty six -
 Saml. Thompson, Selectman.
 Nathan Washburn of
 Enock Haskins Middleborough.

"Middleborough May 1. 1826. Pursuant to the within
 warrant I have notified as within Expresseth to meet
 at this time & place for the purposes within mentioned.
 Uba Eaton Constable of Middleborough
 at said meeting voted to elect one Representative and
 no more -

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The meeting then proceeded to ballot for a Representative,
and the whole number of votes given in being called &
counted and were for the following persons.

John Eaton Esquire	102 votes
Thos. Sturtevant Esquire	54 "
Col. Bangs P. Wood	10 "
Abner Black Esquire	46 "
Saml. Ramsdell	4 "
Joshua Miller Esquire	1 "

and John Eaton Esquire having a majority of the votes
was duly elected & accepted the office.

Joshua Miller Esquire Moderator.

Noted to go off Timothy M. Leonard from School
District No. 22 and annex his estate to School
District No. 36 in said Town.

Noted that Abner Black Esquire, Amos Washburn and
William Bawson Esquires be a Committee to enquire
into the facts & circumstances in relation to the claims of
David Richman and Esquire and report at adjournment
of this Meeting.

Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

~~John Eaton Esquire~~ Town Clerk.

1826

May 15

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at a
legal meeting held on 15th May 1826, pursuant to a
Warrant which is on file - Noted to direct the
Selectmen to view the Highway leading from the
House of Gov. Borden by Birch Road meeting House
to Tamten line and report to the Town such alterations
for the widening & straightening said Highway as they shall
think necessary & proper.

Noted to instruct the Selectmen of said Town to view the
Road leading from the House of David Black by Moss
Parris to Tamten line, with authority to employ some
suitable persons to lay out such sum of the Town's money in the repair of
said Road as they shall think necessary in addition to the Highway Tax, to
be assessed upon the property in said Town.

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Nov. 6

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
the 6th day of November 1826 pursuant to a
Warrant duly issued & returned of which the
following is a true copy, viz,

"Plymouth sp. To any constable of the Town of
Middleborough in said County, Greeting.

[Ed.] In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify &
warn all the Inhabitants of said Town who are
qualified to vote for Representatives to the
General Court, & also all such as are qualified
to vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet
together at their Town House in said Town, on Monday
the sixth day of November next at one of the Clock
in the afternoon, to act on the following business, to wit:

1. To give in their votes for some Inhabitant of
the Plymouth District to represent said District in
the next Congress of the United States.

2^d To choose a Moderator.

3^d To make a contract with some person or
persons to support all the paupers which shall
be chargeable to said Town for one year com-
mencing on the second Monday of April 1827,
by Committee or otherwise, as they shall see cause.

4th To dispose of the privilege of taking the Fish
cells alewives, at the several Fishing Places in said
Town the year ensuing.

5th To choose a Committee to see the alewives have a
sufficient passage up the stream the year ensuing.

6th To hear the Report of the Selectmen raising the
Jury Box of said Town & act thereon as they shall
see cause.

7th To see if said Town will appoint a Committee
to unite with such Committees as any of the Towns

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Nov. 6. interested in the Fishery in Tarentow Great River, have appointed or may appoint for the purpose of deciding & adapting measures for the preservation of the fishery in said Town, and act thereon as they shall see cause.
8th To take such measures as the Town shall deem proper to build a wall on a Road lately laid out near the house of Cyrus Washburn.
9th To see if said Town will agree to paint or otherwise repair the Town House, and act thereon as they shall see cause.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon at or before the said time of meeting.

Dated at Middletown, this ninth day of October in the year eighteen hundred & twenty six.

Sam^l Thompson } Selectmen
Nathan Washburn }
Luther Washburn } Middletown.

Return. By virtue of this warrant, I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown as within directed. Rufus Allen Clerk of Middletown.
Oct 28, 1826

Rep. to Congress. At said meeting the qualified voters gave in their votes for a Representative to Congress, which duly received sorted & counted came for the following persons.

Hon. Joseph Richardson	157 votes
Thomas P. Beal Esq.	51 "
Leck. Eddy Esq.	12 "
Hon. William Baylies	1 "
Hon. William Bourne	1 "
Hon. Seth Sprague	1 "
Hon. Tho ^s . Weston	1 "
Hon. Milnes Wood	1 "
Hon. Peter H. Peirce	1 "

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Nov. 6. Chose Hon. Milnes Wood Moderator
Com. to Chose Milnes Wood, Seth Eaton, William Bourne,
Seth Miller & Abner Clark Esquires a Committee to dispose of the River.

Sell Prov. Chose Seth Eaton, Abner Barrows, Manaphet Robbins, Jacob Barrows, & Lorenzo Wood a Glue & Wax Committee

Juny Box accepted the List of Jurors reported by the Selectmen in raising the Juny Box.

Chose Thomas Sturtevant, Seth Eaton, John Borden & Abner Barrows a Committee for the purposes mentioned in the 7th article in the warrant.

Walled the making of the wall mentioned in 8th article of the Warrant.

Repairs of voted to repair the Town House by painting the four house, but side & patching the roof, and made choice of Amos Thompson, Josiah Pinkham and James M. Leonard a Committee for the purpose of carrying the same into effect - and instruct said Committee not to paint till the next season.

Adjourned to the next Town Meeting to be held at this place at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1826 The annual March Meeting for 1826 was called up Nov. 6. pursuant to adjournment. Amos Thompson Moderator.
Road voted to postpone the consideration of the Report of the Selectmen widening the Road from Beach Woods Meeting House to River Line -

Road voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen straightening a Highway in Beach Woods an petition of Abner Clark Esq. & others & to alter & straighten the way therein mentioned accordingly - adj. to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Clerk

1826 The annual May meeting for 1826 was called up Nov. 6. pursuant to adj. M. Bourne Esq. Mod. and by vote adj. to next Tues. Meeting at 2 P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Clerk.

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS : MIDDLEBOROUGH #95
TOWN RECORDS 1827-1829, 9:58-117 Holbrook

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The annual Fall meeting for 1826 having been duly adjourned to March 7th 1827 was then taken up
M. Wood Esq. Moderator.
Noted all the claims & fishing the customs as auction on the following Candidates, viz. The purchasers to be at all the expense of inspecting the River, to sell the Fish at a price not exceeding forty two cents a hundred and pay into the Treasury the pecuniary sum for which the same shall be sold on the thirtieth day of June next & give notes with surety for the payment of the same.
Chas. Major St. Miller became master

Sale of Fish

The privilege at the splitting mill was sold to Samuel Harlow for the sum of \$166.00
The privilege at the old to can be sold to Philander Washburn for the sum of \$128.00
The privilege at a saw-compost house was sold to Nathaniel Staples for the sum of \$17.50.
Accepted Ezra Harlow as surety for Samuel Harlow, Govt. Ransom as surety to P. Washburn and Nath. Staples, Sampson as surety to N. Staples -
and said meeting was by votes dissolved
Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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Mar. 7

Pet. of

D. Rich.

The annual May meeting for 1827 was taken up pursuant to adjournment. M. B. B. Esq. Mod.
The Committee appointed to take into consideration the petition of David Richman Esq. made a written report recommending an allowance of his claims, which report was read & by vote was rejected -
After said meeting was dissolved
Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

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Annual March Meeting for 1827.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, being duly assembled in Town meeting on Wednesday March 7th 1827 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy, viz.

Warrant.

By the Town of Middleborough in said County, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to appear at & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Wednesday the seventh day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following business, viz.

1. To choose Moderator of said meeting.
2. To choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the months of March or April annually.
3. To raise such sum of money as the Town shall think proper for a Highway Tax, the present year, & direct the manner of expending the same.
4. To choose Inspectors of the alms-houses, the present year.
5. To choose Committee to settle with their Treasurer & report the State of the Treasury.
6. To allow their Treasurer a Compensation for his services for the year ending in March 1827.
7. To determine the method of collecting the public money to be expended in said Town the current year & act anything thereon as they shall see cause.
8. To appoint a Committee to receive, examine and allow accounts against the Town, if they shall see cause.
9. To approve & allow the doings of the selectmen in laying out or altering any road or road within said Town the current year & act anything thereon as they shall see cause.
10. To receive & allow accounts against the Town & order payment as they shall see cause.

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11. To determine whether swine shall be allowed to run at large within said Town the present year.
12. To determine whether said Town will restrain neat cattle & horses from running at large the present year.
13. To adopt measures to furnish Hearings to poor persons gratis, if they shall see cause.
14. To choose a Palmed Keeper.
15. To choose some person to keep the Key of the Town House.
16. To hear the request of David Nelson & others to be allowed to work out their Highway Tax on the Long Point Road, & act thereon as they shall see cause.
17. To hear the request of William Canedy Esq to see if said Town will allow bounty for fox heads.
18. To hear the request of Samuel Briggs & others to see if the Town will compensate them for an injury done to their steges in consequence of an alleged defect in the Highway & act thereon as they shall see cause.
19. To see if said Town will give any instructions to their Highway Committee as to clearing down out of the River to give the Hearings a sufficient passage & act thereon as they shall see cause.
20. To adopt any measures which the Town shall think proper to dispose of the support of the Poor for said Town, in future, for a longer term than one year.
21. To hear the request of Samuel Sampson & others to divide School District No 19 in said Town & act thereon as they shall see cause.
22. To take measures to repair a road near Jacob Thompsons if the Town shall see cause.
23. To adopt any measures which may be thought proper in relation to two Indictments

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Memor.

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against said Town for bad Roads, & also for the repair of the Roads indicated.

24. To hear the request of Joseph Barden to see if said Town will indemnify him against the effect of a judgment of Joseph Clark Esq against Isaac Harkness, levied in London purchased by said Barden, & adopt any measures to reverse said judgment or otherwise indemnify said Barden as they shall see cause.

Hereof fail not to make due returns of this warrant & of your doings hereon, at or before said term of meeting. Given under our Hands & seal the twelfth day of February eighteen hundred & twenty seven.

Luther Washburn
Enoch Harkins
Saml. Harkins
Nathan Washburn
Selectmen of Middleborough

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of this Town to meet together as within directed, by posting up notifications in the second meeting houses in said Town, as the Law directs. Joseph Jackson, Constable of Middleborough.

Chas. Deot. Arade Thompson Moderator.
The following Gentlemen were duly elected to the several offices herein designated - viz

Isaac Stevens Clerk.
Bradford Tharlow
Samuel Harkins
Luther Washburn
Andrew Harkins
Nathan Washburn
Selectmen.

Wilkes Wood
Seth Eaton
Seth Miller
Overseers of Poor.

The choice of Treasurer was postponed to adjt. of the meeting.

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Constables.

Darius Miller, Rufus Alden, Abel Booth,
Liba Eaton, Joseph Jackson, Joseph Clark Jr.
Stephen Harlow, Abiel Peabody, Abisha T. Clark,
John C. Perkins, Reuben Hafford.

Surgeons of Highways.

Darius Miller, Joshua Bishop, Lech. M. Rider,
Elihu Thomas, Gleason Perkins, Paul Hartman,
Oliver Shaw, Liba Eaton, John Stratbridge,
William Southworth, Nathaniel Eddy, Abiel Nelson,
Nathaniel Staples, Armas Raymond, Carl Sears,
Joseph LeBaron, Ramsay F. Wood, Levi
Tinkham, Elisha Peice, Isaac Sauls, Schabed
Reed, Joseph Jackson, Abel Perkins, Elkanah
Williams, John Allen, Day Mortar Abner
Clark, Josiah Tinkham, Levi Thomas, Justin
Thomas, Andrew Tucker, Elijah Sherry, Zeb. L.
Gorham, Alden L. Bishop, Thomas Woods, John
Simpson, Jr., Jarius M. Leonard, Winslow
Thomas, Bartolomew Eaton, Geo. Williams, Jr.,
Enoch Tinkham, Orlando Shaw, Ira Smith,
Elisha Clark Jr., Jacob Thompson, John Freeman,
John Benson, Orasmus Littlejohn, Elisha Tucker,
Zatue Pickens Jr.

Surgeons of Seaboard.

Levi Tinkham Jr., Geo. F. Ramsdell, Carl
Sears Jr., Dora Weston, Elisha Clark Jr., James
Sprout, Zephaniah Shaw Jr., Seth Eaton, Daniel
Briggs.

Peace Officers & Field Officers.

Pease Thomas Jr., Levi Thomas, Joseph Jackson,
Gerrit Washburn, Joseph Clark Jr., John C. Perkins,
Richard Foster, John Davis, Jacob Ramsdell.

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Peace Officers & Field Officers.

Nathaniel Macomber, Samuel Atwood, Isaac Shearman,
Jacob Bennett, Millard Clark, Jacob Bennett Jr., Guilford
Booth, Joseph Clark Jr., George Hoar, Abiel Nelson,
Samuel Nelson, Jacob Leonard, Ezra Harlow, Saml.
Ledy, Elijah E. Perkins, Elisha Richmond, Nathaniel
Tinkham, Pelet Alden & Jonathan Barney.

Tythingmen.

Geo. Leonard, Abner Clark, Asa Hallam, Hardeen
Keith, Jacob Bennett Jr., Millard Clark.

Hog reeves.

Charles Keith, Simon Suley, Timothy Keith, Asa Hallam,
Abner Clark, Elisha Clark, Alden Raymond, Amos
Fanner, Guilford Booth, Nath. Shuntliff Jr., Jacob Holmes.

Notes to raise the sum of three thousand dollars for a
Highway Tax the first year to be paid in labor at the
same prices as allowed in former years. The appt. to deliver
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Mon. 7. Chose Benjamin Thompson & David Klepper
to have Benjamin Thompson to keep the key of the Town House.

Com. & A. Adams. The petition of Abiel Nelson & 13 others, signed to
Pet. Miller, Wad. William Barren, Samuel Pickers,
Elisha Clark Jr. to consider & report thereon.

Com. & L. Briggs. The request of Samuel Briggs & others committed to
Pet. Messrs. Thomas McKim, John Tink, com. & Seal Tinkham
to consider & report a statement of facts.

Support to Slavery in Curr. Motion that the Town will support slavery by committee
in all legal & reasonable measures for removing nuisances
to fishing in Town's Great River.

Support of Poor. The subject contained in 20th article in warrant
was committed to the Overseers of the Poor of said
Town, with instructions to report thereon.

Road. The request of Samuel Thompson & others was
committed to the selectmen, with instructions to report
thereon.

Com. & J. Barren. The subject of repairing the road near the House
of Jacob Thompson was committed to the selectmen
with instructions to report thereon.

Com. & Pet. The subject of the request of Joseph Barren
contained in 24th article of warrant was committed
to the Overseers of the Poor of the Town with instructions
to report thereon together with a statement of facts.
Adjourned for an hour.

That according to act.
Made choice of Capt. Silas Briggs as Inspector
of Fishing at App. Brook as speaker of Town.
Motion to adjourn this meeting first Monday in April
next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest / Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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The annual march meeting for 1827 was
taken up pursuant to act. Chose Benjamin Thompson
Dea Joshua Levi Smith and Chose Joshua Wood Surayer
of Highways in his place, Chose Aaron S. Pierce
& Ebenezer Holmes new Surayer of Highways.

Chose Stephen Howland Sur. of Highways in place of
Lydon Perkins Jan. excused. Chose The Washburn
Surayer of Highways in place of Leay Martin. Excused.
Chose Daniel Cobb Surayer of Highways in place of
Daniel Miller excused. Chose Joshua Dean & com. Town
viewers & finders in place of Abiel Dean excused. excused
Abiel Dean from being as Constable.

Chose Nathl. Shantuff 2^d Surayer of Town House.

Chose Silas Thomas, Ansel Smith, Joseph S. Leonard
& John Sampson Jan. Town viewers & Field Drivers.

Chose Samuel Pecken, by agent to dispose of the alluvial fishing
at Quilicas Brook.

Method of collecting the public money the public money the present
of years, reported as follows, viz. "That they are unanimously of
the opinion, that it is expedient to have the Treasurer
appointed collector of Taxes, & to collect the taxes in the manner
in such case by Law provided. And that it is expedient to
direct the Treasurer & Collector to allow to all such Inhabitants
of said Town as shall voluntarily pay the same within thirty days
after the delivery of the Tax bills & public notice thereof given
according to Law, the amount of their respective Taxes, an
abatement of Ten per centum of the amount of their said
Taxes; and such Inhabitants as shall voluntarily pay their
Taxes to said Treasurer & Collector within sixty days after the
delivery of Tax bills, shall be entitled to an abatement
of six per centum on the amount of their said Taxes; and
all such Inhabitants as shall voluntarily pay to the said
Treasurer & Collector within one hundred & twenty days after
the delivery of the Tax bills, shall be entitled to an abatement

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of three per centum on the amount of their said
Taxes & after which the said Treasurer & Collector
shall give his warrant to the Sheriff or a Constable
to collect the Taxes of all delinquents in the manner
prescribed by Law in such cases.

The Treasurer & Collector to give Bonds with Sureties
for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office,
said Bond to be kept by the Selectmen.

Saml. Rainsciller per order,
which report was accepted & by vote adopted
motion to proceed to the Chair of Treasurer and
Collector by Ballot.

Treasurer & Collector - Notes and made choice of Isaac Stevens for
Treasurer & Collector of Taxes.

The Treasurer offered Levi Price & William
Sureties. Warren Esquires as his Sureties who were
accepted.

allowances noted that said Treasurer & Collector shall be allowed
to draw the sum of fifty dollars which shall be in full for his
services for the current year.

The Committee heretofore appointed to settle with
Treasurer of the late Treasurer were authorized to transfer all
Books, Records, Papers & securities & money in the hands of
the late Treasurer to Isaac Stevens the present Treasurer.

Report The Committee on the petition of Abiel Nelson & others
on Abiel Nelson made a report which was read & the consideration
of it deferred to next meeting.

Rep. on The Committee on the request of Joseph Barden made
J. Barden a report, the consideration of which was postponed to the
next meeting.

The Selectmen to whom was referred the
Road subject of repairing the Road near Jacob Thompson
J. Thompson reported that the nature of the land there is such
that there cannot be a good Road at this season
of the year without great expense, which was
accepted.

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appointed Mr. Luther Mierdock to finish the
Bridge & Causeway at Warner's works at the expense
of the Town.

Chase Isaac, Stearns agent to take care of the
Indictment against the Town for the insufficiency of
said Bridge.

Ballot for a School Committee and the
following Gentlemen were elected.

Wilkes Wood Esq
Lech. Eddy Esq
Oliver Pierce Esq
Rev. Wm. Hubbard
" William Eaton
" Philip Colby
" John Shaw
Eben. Pickens Esq
Capt. Daning Miller

School Committee

those the following persons Prudential Committee of the
several School Districts -

Alfred Saco, Ebenezer Eddy, Eliab Wood, Nathl.
Wump, Lephas Thompson, Nelson Wood, Stephen
Pillow, Nathaniel Thomas, Minster Thomas, John Thayer,
Nathaniel Shattuck, Nathl. Rider, Elisha Price, Seth
Miller, Edward Barden, Daniel Wingham Jr, Allen Clark
Silvanus Barnum, Ebenezer Mills, Jared Allen
Gehulam K. Pratt, Benjamin Richardson, Eliab H. Allen
Elkanah Williams, Hathaway, Ebenezer Strobridge
Abner Clark, Nathaniel Cudwell, Sallie Smith, Leonard
Abiel B. Sampson, Geo. Williams Jr, Abner Seaward
David Lewis, Carl Sears Jr, Schaboe Reed, Andrew
McGully, Bradford Thorpe.

and then by adjourned said meeting to
the next Town Meeting to be held at this place
at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Clerk

The following persons were chosen Inspectors
 of the Aleutian Fishery at the 2^d annual
 mench meeting holden April 2^d 1827 viz
 Seth Eaton, Sam^l Harlow, Jacob Warming
 Abner Correy, Jonⁿ Standish, Nath^l Camp
 Gustav Murock, Philander Washburn, John P. King
 Quest Milder, Albert Thomas, Eliza Dickman
 Edmund Oakes

attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

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The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, the qualified voters for Governor, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on the second day of April 1827, pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true Copy, viz,

Warrant. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough his said County Greeting.

That the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs for Governor and in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town, on Monday the second day of April next at one of the clock in the afternoon to do all the following business, viz,

- 1st To give in their votes for Governor & 2^d Governor of the Commonwealth & two Senators or Candidates for the County of Plymouth.
- 2^d To choose a Moderator.
- 3^d To raise such sum of money as the Town shall think proper for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses arising in said Town, the current year & direct when the money so raised, shall be assessed & paid into the Treasury & act any thing therein as they shall see cause.
- 4th To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- 5th To determine whether said Town will support a Latin Grammar School, or appropriate all their School money among their several School districts for English Grammar Schools.
- 6th To hear the report of the Committee heretofore appointed to settle with Saml. Harlow, Nathl. Macomber & Nathl. Staples & give any instructions to said Committee as they shall see cause.

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7th To hear the request of Ezra M. Kelly to see if the Town will suspend the operation of the Law regulating the taking of Pickens, passed Feb 26. 1825. for the present year.

8th To adopt any measures which may be advisable to remove the fence to the inclosed the road to lay out from John Warren's to Mosawards Bridge.

9th To see if the Town will petition the General Court for a Revision of the Laws regulating the fishing in Taunton Great River & in the Norwasset River, and act thereon as they shall see cause.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon or on before the said time of Meeting. Given under our hands & seal this twelfth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred twenty seven.

Saml. Harlow
Jesse Washburn
Nathl. Washburn
Andrew Hoskins
Bradford Harlow
Selectmen
of
Middleborough

Return. Plymouth. March 28. 1827 By virtue of the Warrant I have summoned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as within to meet together at the time and place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting up notifications at the several meeting houses in said Town.

Danies Miller Const. of Middleborough at said Meeting said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor & Sen. & Senators, which were as follows.

Gov.	His Excellency Levi Lincoln	298	Senators	Saml. Harlow	289
	Wm. Barnard Hubbard	29		Josh Sprague	282
	Mr. Elijah H. Mills	2		William Bagges	21
	Hon. Thomas Morton	1		Benj. Ellis	30
	Abiel P. Booth Esq	1		Nathl. Russell	2
At Gov.	Hon. Wm. L. Northrop	320		Leah E. Kelly	2
	Wm. William Bagges	5		Harriet Hobart	1
	Levi Pierce	7		William Brown	1
	Reuben Hafford			William Hafford	1
				Earl Sears	1

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Mond.

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Made Choice of Hon. Milnes Woods Moderator.
later for County Treasurer and the whole number
of votes given in June 18 which were for Nathaniel Cotton Esq.
The subject of the 5th article in the warrant was referred
to the School Committee to consider & report.
The Committee appointed to settle with Samuel Harlow
made a report which was read & and the subject
of the 6th article of said Report committed to Zach. Edg., Aaron
Thompson & Thomas Weston, to settle the same report to
the Town.
Resolved to suspend the operations of the Law regulating
the Fishing of Pickens during the present year.
later to petition the General Court to make the same
regulating the fishing in the Salmon River & to
in the Nemasket River, in such a manner as to limit
or diminish the time in which the fish are allowed to
be taken in the several towns. and made Choice of
The Selectmen, Abner Barron, Milnes Woods, Zach Edg
& Seth Eaton Esq. for a Committee for that purpose.
Resolved the Surveyor of Highways in the District
near to and towards Bridge to remove the fence standing
in the Highway leading from John Warren's to
Woodwards Bridge so as to make the Road
as wide as the way located & laid out by the Town.
Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town
meeting which shall be here at this place at
two o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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May 2^d

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The annual March meeting for 1827 was taken
up pursuant to adj. Obed. S. Thompson Moderator.
The Committee to settle with late Treasurer & transfer
Books, papers &c. to the present Treasurer made a
report which was read & accepted of which the follow-
ing is an abstract.

State of	Due the Town	Due from the Town
Treasurer	Lash in Treasury 38.83	To Huldah Weston 12.68
Due from Paulen Hayford		Levi Tickham 152.00
Collector including his fees	0.26, 45	Seth Washburn 10.20
from Abner Barron on note of division of lot	84.20	Town of Norton 47.87
P. Washburn on note	120.00	Time for land Road 85.00
Sam. Harlow note	166.00	Outstanding orders 390.00
Nathan Slapley "	47.57	Clifford for collecting 120.00
Due for fish in 1826	257.57	
not given & not ch ^d for	717.52.55	

Making a balance in favour of the Town of \$78.45.
Directed the Treasurer to collect the money due on bonds
& pay the debts of the Town.

The Report of the Selectmen widening & straightening
the Highway leading from the House of Edward Sparrow to the
House of Elijah Thomas was read & accepted & ordered to be
recorded, & the way therein described established accordingly.

The report of the Selectmen widening & straightening
the Highway leading from the House of Edward Sparrow to
the House of Elijah Thomas was read & accepted & ordered to be
recorded, & the way therein described established accordingly.

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Road.

The Report of the Selectmen in relation to
straightening the Highroad leading from the House
of Samuel Clark to the House of William Briggs
was made & accepted & ordered to be recorded in this Book
therein described established accordingly.

The Report of Committee on the petition of Abiel
Nelson & others was made & not accepted.

Treasurer

Claims for

bad Bill

Mr Levi Tuckerm later Treasurer requested the
Town to remunerate him for the loss of \$10 by receiving
a Counterfeit bill as Treasurer.
On motion to allow the same the Town refused
to pass the same and rejected it.

Report on

L Briggs

Petition

The Committee on the petition of Samuel Briggs & others
made a Report which was accepted & is on file.

Report on

J. Bond

The Committee on the Petition of Joseph Bond reported
a Statement of facts, which was read & accepted and
is on file.

At the

meeting

Those Ebenezer Miller Secretary of Highways in the
room of Thomas Stoddard who declined seeing.

was to be

motion to add two to the School Committee and
made choice of Abiel P. Plunk & Robert Capen.
Chose Post Thomas Steele agent & Post John Perkins
for School Committee in the place of Rev. Dr. Eaton
& Rev. Dr. Hubbard expired.

and by vote adjourned this Meeting to the next Town
Meeting which shall be held at this place at
3 o'clock P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

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Town for
1827.

The annual April meeting for 1827 was taken up
pursuant to adjt. W. Woodbury Moderator -
motion to raise the sum of three thousand dollars
to be applied on the several public Estates in said
Town for the purpose of defraying the necessary
charges & expenses arising in said Town the current the
money to be applied the bills committed to the Treasurer &
Collector on the first day of December next.

School

Money.

motion to appropriate one thousand and dollars for winter
Schools & three thousand & fifty dollars for Summer Schools.

The School Committee made a detailed report
pursuant to their instructions, which was read
and accepted and is on file, and of which the following is an
abstract.

Meeting of

S. Com.

The School Committee will hold four meetings in each
year, at 2 o'clock P.M. on the 2^d Mondays of May, June,
November & December for the Examination of Scholars
in the Schools in the several Districts in Town at Mr. Briggs
Hall near the Town House.

Resolution

of money

The Town is expected to raise specific sums for the support
of Schools in the winter & in the summer seasons. and
the Committee will distribute the money to the several districts
according to the number of scholars therein who shall be 16 years
& upwards on the first day of May in each year.

The prudential Committee of the several districts to him in their
list of Pals on or before the 2^d Monday of June in each year,
and in case of neglect the School Committee will ascertain the
number from such names shall be in their power.

Order of

Meeting

for

schools.

The Committee to certify to the Treasurer the amount distributed
to each District, and also the names of the persons whom an
examination they may appropriate as Teachers - and the
prudential Committee of the several districts to draw their
orders on the Treasurer in favor of the Teachers for their
payment, and also to draw for other expenses of the School

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May 12. The money for such schools to be subject to such orders after the several schools shall be closed in each district.

By computation of the Committee, the amount necessary for the Town to raise for schools in order to comply with the Law is one thousand dollars, besides such sum as may be thought necessary to support the several schools which may be \$350.

The Committee appointed to settle accounts between the Town & Samuel Harlow made a Report in which an account is stated making a balance due the Town of \$106.01, which Report was accepted of as relates to the accounts stated, but the Town refused to accept that part of said Report which relates to the farm by the name of Daring - which report is on file - adj. to the next Town meeting at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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May 12. Plymouth ss. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in the Election of Representatives to assemble and meet together at their Town House in said Town on Saturday the twelfth day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon then & there to elect one or more of the Inhabitants of said Town to represent said Town in the next general Court of this Commonwealth.

2: To accept any measures which the Town shall think proper for repairing the Highway leading from Eliza Ralls to the Spruce Meeting House, the same being complained of to the Grand Jury -

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Annual May Meeting

May 12. Hereof fail not to make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon at or before said time of meeting given under our Hands & seal at said Middleborough the ninth day of April in the year eighteen hundred & twenty seven.

Samuel Harlow } Selectmen
Nathaniel Washburn }
Andrew Hastings }

Return. Plymouth ss. April 30. 1827 By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants to meet as within directed by posting up notifications in the Meeting Houses in said Town as the Law directs.

Joseph Jackson Constable of Middleborough

The Inhabitants of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town meeting May 12. 1827 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the foregoing is a true Copy, voted to elect one Representative and no more. Then proceeded to ballot for a Representative & the vote resulted as follows -

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. William Nelson received 60 votes, Thos. Sturtevant 62, Oliver Pease 20, Seth Eaton 18, Ephraim Ward 18, Seth Miller 1, Wm. B. B. 1, Samuel Hastings 2.

A second ballot was had when William Nelson recd 107 votes, Thos. Sturtevant 80, Seth Eaton 11, Oliver Pease 5, Wm. B. B. 1, Seth Eaton 1, Mr. Robbins 1. And no choice was made - William Nelson being duly elected & accepted the office.

Chas. D. Adams Moderator. Directed select men to see the Road mentioned in warrant put in repair, dissolved. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

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 Aug 7th *Town Meeting August 6. 1827.*
 The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro.
 qualified to vote in Town affairs being duly assembled
 in Town meeting and manding the sixth day of August
 1827 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and
 returned, of which the following is a true Copy.
 1. Myrnanth's To any Constable of the Town of
 Middleborough in said County, *Greeting.*
 In the name of the Commonwealth of
 Massachusetts, you are required to notify and
 Marrant, warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified
 to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet together
 at their Town House in said Town, on Monday the
 sixth day of August next at four o'clock in the
 afternoon, to act on the following business, to wit,
 1. To choose a moderator
 2. To determine what said Town will do relative to
 an action commenced against said Town by Lem.
 Briggs & others, to recover damages for an injury
 done to their Stage Coaches, through an alleged
 defect in the Highway near the House of Alfred
 Wood, & adopt any measures either for settling
 or defending said action as the Town shall see cause
 3. To choose a Surveyor of Highways in the place of
 Orlando Shaw deceased.
 4. To adopt any measures which the Town shall see
 cause to repair the Bridge at Pratt's Dam so called.
 5. To hear the request of Ziba Eaton for money to be
 allowed for repair of Road in his District &
 act thereon as they shall see cause.
 6. To hear the request of John Freeman for money
 to be allowed for the making & repair of Road in
 his District & act thereon as they shall see cause.
 7. To hear the request of Zebulon S. Canady for money
 to be allowed for repair of Road in his District &
 act thereon as they shall see cause.
 Hereof fail not & make due return of

1827
 Aug 6th *Town Meeting Aug 6. 1826.*
 this warrant of your doings thereon, dated at
 Middleboro. this 9th day of July A.D. 1827.
 Nathan Washburn }
 Nathan Washburn } Selectmen of
 Bradford Henshaw } Middleboro.
 Andrew Haskins }
 Myrnanth's. Aug. 1. 1827, By virtue of this warrant
 I have notified the inhabitants of Middleboro.
 to meet together as within directed by posting up
 notifications in the several meeting houses in said Town
 as the Law direct. Joseph Jackson Const. of Middleboro.
 Chas. H. Miller Esq. Moderator.
 voted to defend the action commenced by Lem.
 Briggs & others and made choice of Zech. Eddy Esq.
 as Agent for that purpose.
 Chas. Jonathan Leonard Jr. Surveyor of Highways
 in the place of Orlando Shaw deceased.
 voted that the Selectmen be authorized to visit the bridge
 situated falls & to make temporary repairs thereon which are
 now necessary, & endeavor to meet any individuals in that
 vicinity and any agent of Briggs & others who may be opposed
 for the purpose, & report to the Town what arrangements
 may be advantageously made for the future support of said
 Bridge -
 appropriated the sum of fifty dollars for repairing Road
 in Ziba Eaton's District & appointed Nathan Washburn
 to expend the same -
 appropriated the sum of fifty dollars to repair Road
 in John Freeman's District, said Freeman to expend the same.
 appropriated five dollars for the repair of Road in Ziba
 Canady's District, said Canady to expend the same.
 and then dissolved said meeting. Attest J. Shum's Town Clerk -
 1827
 Aug 6th The annual March Meeting for 1827 was called up pursuant
 to Act. J. Thompson Moderator. The Town reconsidered the vote
 of the 26th March last, when they voted not to reannex the
 New Sharon & Thompson, for the 1st of a County of 100000 and voted
 to show their dissent to the same - (Hope this will be a warning of the
 influence of the same in the future) - adj. 10 o'clock - 28th 1827

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Oct. 5th

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Annual Fall Meeting for 1827

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs being duly assembled in Town meeting on Monday the first day of October 1827 pursuant to a warrant duly issued second & returned of which the following is a true Copy, viz,

My master, To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting,
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the first day of October next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, to act on the following business viz,

1. To choose a moderator of the meeting -
2. To dispose of the privilege of taking the fish called alewives at the several fishing places in said Town the year ensuing -
3. To choose a Committee to see that the fish have a sufficient passage way up the stream the year ensuing -
4. To make a contract with some person or persons for the support & maintenance of all the paupers which shall be chargeable to said Town for one year commencing on the second Monday of April 1828, or for a longer term than one year, if the Town shall think advisable, either by selling the same at auction or otherwise as the Town shall see cause -
5. To see if the Town will compensate Abel Thomas for removing wall & finding Land for widening the Roads leading from Capt. Thomas's arroyos to the flitting mill & act thereon as they shall see cause.

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Oct. 1st

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To determine what instructions said Town will give their Committee relative to their petition for a revision of the fish laws, or choose one or more agents to support said petition before the General Court.

7. To determine what said Town will do relative to the petition of Stephen Pelton & 18 others asking in the General Court to be set off from this Town and annexed to the Town of Concord & act anything thereon.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon, at or before the said Time of meeting. Given under our hands and seal this 10th of September A.D. 1827.

Saml. Harlow }
Seth Washburn } Selectmen
Nathan Washburn } of
Bradford Harlow } Middleboro.
Andrew Washburn }

My master, Sept. 20. 1827, pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified the within named Inhabitants to meet at the time, place & for the purposes within mentioned, by posting up & circulating thereof at the several meeting places in said Town.
Joseph Jackson Const. of Middleboro.

Chose Dr. Anna Thompson Moderator
Chose Abner Barrows, Seth Eaton & Jacob Barrows
Sluiceway Committee -
Chose Com. Rounsaville, Abner Black, Seth Eaton,
Wilkes Wood & Peter H. Pierce a Committee
to make a contract with some person or persons
for the support & maintenance of all the paupers
which shall be chargeable to said Town for the term
of three years from 2nd Monday of April 1828 made
the same terms as the contract made last year.

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Oct 1.

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voted to allow \$420 Thomas, thirty six dollars
in full for Land & fence for Road.
voted to leave the subject of the article in the
hands of the Committee.
voted to instruct Representatives of this Town
in the General Court to oppose the Petition of
Stephen Wilson & others.
voted to adjourn this meeting to the day of
the annual meeting in 1828 at one o'clock
P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1827
Oct 1.

The annual March meeting for 1827 was
called up pursuant to adj. & by vote adjourned
to the next Town meeting to be held at this place
at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk.

1827
Oct 29

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro
at a legal meeting holden October 29th 1827
pursuant to warrant on file "To determine
what said Town will do relative to the petition
of Samuel Harlow & others Selectmen of said
Town, pending before the Commissioners of Highways
for widening & straightening the Highway leading
from Freetown line by Beach Woods meeting
House & the dwelling House of Oliver Pierce Esq
to the line of Freetown"

voted to approve said Petition & that the
Petitioners be authorized to prosecute the
same in behalf of the Town in such manner
as they shall deem will best subserve the
public interest.

and by vote dissolved said meeting -

Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk.

1827
Oct 29.

The annual March meeting for 1827 was called
up pursuant to adj. & by vote adj. to next
Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk.

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Dec 3.

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The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro
at a legal meeting holden Dec. 3. 1827 pursuant
to warrant on file, "To determine what said
Town will do relative to the petition of Abiel P.
Booth Esq & others, pending before the Commissioners
of Highways for said County for the location of a Road
from the line of Freetown to the line of Freetown
in said County," Chase B. P. Esq & others
voted to oppose said Petition and appointed
Isaac Stevens Agents for that purpose
voted to dissolve said meeting

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1827
Dec 3.

The annual March meeting for 1827
was called up D. A. Thompson Moderator.
The Report of Selectmen widening & straightening
Roads from Pachuda to Rainsville was made
& it was voted not to approve of the same.

Chose Peter Washburn Prudential Committee
of School District in the place of Abiel McSampson
removed out of Town -

Adj. said meeting to next Town meeting at 2 o'clock
P.M. Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1828
Mar 3.

The annual Fall meeting for 1827 was called up
pursuant to adj. D. A. Thompson Moderator
voted to dispose of the almshouse at auction on
the following conditions: the purchaser to be at all the expense
of inspecting the River, to sell the fish at a not exceeding twenty
five cents the hundred, & to pay for the same on the 30th of June
next to give notes with sureties for said payment to pay for
the use of lands at several places - Chose to purchase a certain
Privilege at Slitting Mill to Saml. Harlow for \$150.00
Privilege at Old Lane sold to Saml. Harlow for \$130.00
Privilege at A. Brook " to Saml. Rainsville for \$20.00
Saml. Harlow offered Nathl. Bump & Ezra Harlow
for his sureties who were accepted - J. Rainsville offered
Seth Eaton & Philander Washburn for sureties who
were accepted Meeting dissolved Attest J. Stevens Clerk

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Mar. B. The Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March 3rd 1828 pursuant to warrants duly issued & returned of which the following is a true Copy:

"The marsh. To any Constable of the Town of Middletown in said County, Greeting.

For the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following business -

1. To Choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To Choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the month of March or April annually.
3. To Choose a Committee to receive & allow accounts against the Town.
4. To raise such sum of money as shall be necessary for a Highway for the present year & direct the manner of expending the same.
5. To Choose Inspectors of the Alewife Fishery.
6. To Choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurers & report the State of the Treasury.
7. To determine the manner of collecting the Taxes to which shall be applied in said Town the current year, & act any thing thereon & vote a compensation to their Treasurers, as they shall see cause.
8. To hear the Report of the Selectmen in laying out or altering any Road or Roads in said Town the present year, & approve the same or otherwise as they shall see cause.
9. To allow demands against the Town and order payment as they shall see cause.

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10. To restrain next cattle & horses from going at large the current year, if they shall see cause.
 11. To adopt measures to furnish Gleanings to poor persons gratis, if they shall see cause.
 12. To Choose a Pound Keeper.
 13. To Choose some persons to keep the Key of the T. House.
 14. To give their Treasure Instructions relative to the demand of Joseph Clark &c. or appoint a Committee to settle with said Clerk, if they shall see cause.
 15. To hear the Report of a Committee appointed April 3. 1826 to settle demands between the Town & Nathl. Staples & Nathl. Macomber, or discharge said Committee & appoint a new one as they shall see cause.
 16. To adopt any measures which may be deemed advisable in relation to three Indictments against said Town for bad Roads & also for the repair of the Roads indicated.
- Hence of said not and make due return of this warrant & of your doings therein as or before the said time of Meeting.

Given under our Hand & Seal this Eleventh day of February in the year Eighteen Hundred & twenty Eight.

Saml. Harlow
Dustin Washburn
Nathl. Washburn
Andrew Haskins
Bradford Harlow

Selectmen
of
Middletown.

Returned The marsh. Feb. 16. 1828. By virtue of this warrant I have notified & summoned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown as within directed, by putting up notifications at the several meeting Houses in said Town.

Reuben Allen Constable of Middletown.

Resolved for Moderator and Doct. Fred. Thompson to be elected to that office.

The following Gentlemen were severally elected to the several offices herein designated.

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Officers

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Chose Isaac Stevens Clerk.

Ruel Thompson
Samuel Harlow
Seth Washburn } Selectmen
Andrew Washkins
Nathan Washburn

Wilkes Wood
Seth Eaton } Overseers of Poor
Seth Miller

Isaac Stevens Treasurer.

Constables

Darius Miller, John H. Canady, Joseph
Clark 3^d, John C. Perkins, Ekanah H. Halloway

Surveyors of Highways.

Nathanial Wood, Peleg B. Clark,
Eli Peirce, Seneca Thomas Venus Thompson,
Daniel Gurney, Josiah Robinson, End Eaton,
Henry Pickens, William Southworth, Southworth
Ellis, Samuel Briggs, Nathl. Staples, Thomas
Savery, Josiah Baker, Nathaniel Shurtleff,
Seah Wood, Alfred Wood, Isaac Bushman,
James Sault, Gilbert Peirce, Calvin Harbottle,
Simon Buckus, Ebenezer Strobridge, John
Allen Jr., Geo. W. Pinkham, Saml. Robbins &
Jacob Barrows, Melrose Trickett, Alfred Plummer
John Warren, Elijah Shaw & Reuben H. Hafford
Alfred Bush, Davis Thomas, Nathl. Thompson
John H. Leonard, Halmer Sampson, Edward Cole
Nathan Bennett, Eliat Dean, Sept. Shaw &
Samuel Thompson, Nathan Shearman

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Mar. 3.

Officers

Annual March Meeting for 1828 contd.

Surveyors of Highways contd.

Darius Darling, Sebra Briggs, Stillman Benson,
Solomon baswell, Eliska Sacke, Silas Pickens, Silas
Peirce, Aniel Benson.

Surveyors of Towns.

Seah Pinkham 2^d, James Sproat, Earl Seash
Dana Weston, Abisha S. Clark, Bradford Harlow
Zephaniah Shaw & Seth Eaton, Daniel Briggs.

Peace Officers & Relief Officers.

Isaiah Thomas, Levi Thomas, Joseph Jackson,
David Allen, Joseph Clark 3^d, Jacob Leonard, Daniel
Smith, Josiah Baker, Jacob Barrows, Timothy H.
Leonard, Nathaniel Macomber, Samuel Harwood
Nathan Shearman, Jacob Bennett 2^d, Melrose
Clark, Ira Shaw, Earl Sears, Salmon baswell,
Silas Peirce, Abiel Dean, Oliver Harney, Geo. H. Hafford
David Cobb, Samuel Cole, Timothy Keith, Eliska
Richmonds, Ebenezer Smith, Caleb Allen,
Jonathan Barney, Ezra Harlow.

Trything men.

George Leonard, Abner Clark, Ada Hallaway
Theodore Keith, John Barnes.

Hog Reeves.

Charles Keith, Geo. Thompson, Stephen Burges,
Alfred Clark, Elipha. Plummer, Arnes Raymond,
Aniel James, Guilford Booth, William Harwood 2^d,
Seth Macomber.

Vote to post pone to adj. the Choice of School Committee
& Prudential Committee for several districts, the district to
nominate if they please for the ratifications of Towns.

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Chose William Baurne, Gamaliel Rounsaville
 Othas Prince, Simon Backus, Thomas Weston
 Seth Miller & Peter H. Prince a Committee to
 receive & examine & allow accounts against the town.

Voted to raise Three Thousand Five Hundred dollars
 for a Highway Tax to be paid labor in the same
 manner & prices as allowed the past year, the officers
 to deliver this Bills by the first day of June next.

Chose Abel Washburn, Gamaliel Rounsaville &
 Levi Prince a Committee to settle with the Treasurer
 & report the state of the Treasury.

Voted that the Taxes the present year be collected in
 the same manner and at the same Rates of Discount
 as was voted the year 1827.

Chose Isaac Stevens their Treasurer a Collector of
 Taxes.

Voted that there be allowed & paid to the Treasurer
 collector the sum of fifty dollars for his services as
 due to the year ending.

Voted to allow Lebedu Shew the sum of five
 dollars & sixty cents on his demand for sale of Lamb at
 Appanumpot Brooks, in case will accept the same
 in full.

Voted to restrain Neat Cattle from going at
 large the present year.

Chose Levi Prince, Abner Blake, Abel Washburn
 Sathrop Thomas & Joseph Shew and a Committee to
 deal out Herring to poor persons.

Chose Benjamin Thompson their Keeper.

Chose Benjamin Thompson to keep the Key of T. House.

Chose Abel Washburn, Gamaliel Rounsaville, & Thomas Weston
 a Committee to settle with Joseph Clark & report at next.

Chose Lebedu Shew agent to attend to incident on Road
 between Popes Point Farnham & Leane ham, with instructions
 to a fine against the farmer.

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Chose Isaac Stevens agent for the other two. Incidents
 so voted that the selectmen be instructed to cause the Road
 indicted to be put in Repair as soon as practicable
 to wit the Road leading from T. M. Rides to Lebedu Shew
 & the Bridge & dam at Fresh meadow forge.

Chose Lebedu Shew Inspector of the Fishing at
 Appanumpot Brooks.

Chose Samuel Harlow, Nathl. Bump, Elyna Harlow
 John L. Perkins & T. K. Pratt Inspectors of Fishing the
 present year.

Adjourned said Meeting to the first Monday in April
 next at one o'clock P. M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1828 Annual March Meeting for 1828 by adj^t

April 7. The March Meeting for 1828 was called up
 pursuant to adj^t. April 7, 1828. A. Thompson Moderator
 Made Choice of the following Town officers

School Committee
 Milket Woods, Philip Colby, Lech. Eddy, Abel Brooks
 Danias Miller, Abner Blake, Philander Washburn
 J. Stevens John Perkins, Thos. Bennett Rev. John
 Shew.

Prudential Committee of District.

Isaac Saul, E. Eddy, Micah Leonard, Carl
 Baurne, Andrew Tucker, William Cornish Jr.
 Seneca Thomas, Oliver Shew, Eddy Holmes, William
 Alexander, John Perkins, Jonathan Cobb, Silas
 Thomas, Abner Blake, Samuel Harlow, Francis
 Woods, Isaac Stevens, Joseph Jackson, Elijah Miller
 Daniel Perkins, Thos. Leonard, Samuel White
 Nathaniel Thompson, Eleazer Strobridge Henry
 Pickens, William Affords, Lebedu Shew, Luther
 Washburn, Nathl. Bennett, James Leonard, Job
 Nelson, Thomas Torrey, Isaac Shew and others
 Haskins, Solomon Thompson.

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Annual March Meeting by adjt.
Chose Nehemiah Bennett Hag New.
Excused Geo. Willard & Chose Joseph Bumpus & then
excused F. D. Niles
Excused Salmon Caswell & Melior Friborn
from serving as Surveyors of Highways & chose
William Cornish Jr & Sengier Wood in their
stead.

Chose Ebenezer T. Sauld, Seth Eaton Jr &
Silvanus Hinckley Fish Inspectors.

accepted the Report of Committee appointed
to settle with Joseph Clark Jr which makes
a balance due the Town of \$22.15 -
is on file -

Adjourned to next Town meeting at 9 o'clock
P.M. After Isaac Stevens T. L. K.

1828
April 17

Annual April Meeting for 1828 -

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on the first
Monday of April 1828 being the 7th day of
April pursuant to a warrant duly served
served & returned of which the following is a
true copy. "Whereas by the laws of the
State of Massachusetts in and to any Constable of
the Town of Middleboro in said County of
Essex."

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts you are hereby required to
notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the
said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote
in the Election of Governor & in Town affairs
to assemble & meet together at their Town House
in said Town on Monday the 14th day of
April next at one o'clock afternoon

To give in their votes for Governor and St.
Governors of the Commonwealth and two Justices
or Councillors for the County of Middlesex.

To choose a moderator -

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3. To raise such sum of money as shall be found
necessary for the purpose of defraying the necessary
charges & expenses arising in said Town, the current
year, & appropriate the same to such uses as shall
be deemed advisable & direct when the money so
raised shall be applied & paid into the Treasury.
4. To give in their votes for County Treasurer.
5. To determine whether said Town will authorize
their Clerk to copy the ancient Records of the Town
from a Book now in the hands of Seth Miller Esq
& place the same among the Town Records -
6. To see if the Town will make any alteration in the
platform in front of the selectmen's seat in the Town
House, or repair the seat in said House for the better
accommodation of Town Meetings -

Hereof filed not & make due return of the laws
& of governing thereon at or before the said time of
Meeting. Given under our Hands & seal of said
Middleboro on the tenth day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred twenty
eight -

Saml. Harlow
Luther Mesheum
Nathan Mesheum
Rud. Thompson
Selectmen of
Middleboro

By adjt. April 5. 1828 By adjt. of this warrant
I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of
the Town of Middleborough qualified as therein
to assemble & meet together at the time & place for the
purpose within mentioned by posting notifications
at the several meeting Houses in said Town -

(Darius Miller Constable of
Middleborough)

gave in their votes for Governor, St.
Governors & Justices (which being duly
sorted, counted were for the following persons.

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April 7.

Annual April Meeting for 1828 Cont.

Hon Governor

His Excellency Levi Lincoln 192 votes

Hon. William C. Jarvis 3 "

Hon. Marcus Morton 2 "

Hon. Samuel Hubbard 2 "

For S. Gov.

His Honor Thos. Wentworth 200 votes

Hon. Henry Shaw 1 vote

Hon. Senators

Hon. Seth Sprague 204 votes

Josiah Robbins Esq. 195 "

Charles J. Holmer Esq. 11 "

Hon. Nahum Mitchell 1 "

Chose Hon. William Barnum Esq. Moderator
 voted to raise & appropriate for the support
 of schools the present year the sum of one
 thousand eight hundred dollars, one third
 thereof to be expended in the summer schools
 & the residue in the winter schools - The Teachers
 of the summer schools to be paid on the 1st of June next, & the residue of the sum to be paid on the 1st of September next.
 voted for County Treasurer & Register of Deeds
 had 15 votes

Resolved that the Town Clerk be authorized &
 employed to copy the Town Records for
 the ancient book in hands of Seth Miller
 at the expense of the Town.

appointed Asa Thayer, William Wood
 & John Washburn a committee to repair the
 broken seats & also to consider & report on
 the subject of altering the platform &c.

Adj. to next T. meeting at one o'clock
 P.M.

Attest J. Kearsy T. Clerk

1828

May 5.

Annual March Meeting by adj.

The annual March meeting for 1828 was held the
 day of May called a special meeting.

Seth Miller Esq. Moderator

The Committee appointed to settle with the
 Treasurer made the following report - viz

They find due the Town as follows

Cash in Treasury \$70.84

Due on Tax bills for 1827 124.75

Due from Thos. Barnum Esq.

Note exclusive of interest } 65.49

Nathl. Staples do - 47.50

Nathl. Bump " " 7

Joseph Bishop dec'd & late 29.89

Richard B. Foster " " 66.15

Gard. Kearsyville 32.00

Saml. Harton for fish 280.00 \$716.69

They find against the Town

a balance due Saml. Harton 134.10

Staples & Macomber 119.20

Out Standing orders 123.97

Exp. to workers on Road 10.00

Widening Roads 21.21 \$502.48

which report was accepted

Thos. Harton for work done in laying out Highways

Adj. to next Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1828

May 5.

The annual April meeting was called up pursuant to
 Adjournment May 5. 1828. Wm. Barnum Esq. Moderator.

voted to raise the sum of Two Thousand dollars
 for a tax in addition
 to the sum raised on the 1st of April for schools, the
 bills to be commuted to the Treasurer & collected on the
 same time as they were the last year or next, on the first
 day of December next - voted to alter Town House

is specially to report on the matter which is now lying & commencing
 on the 1st of December next - to effect the same

1828

May

Annual Meeting for 1828 -

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being duly assembled in Town Meeting on the fifth day of May 1828 pursuant to warrant which is on file voted to send three Representatives to the General Court -

Rep.

voted by ballot and made choice of
William Nelson
Lechariah Padye } for Reps.
Seth Eaton Wyman }

Chose Wm. Brown as Moderator
voted that the Selectmen be authorized

Road

to draw money out of the Treasury to repair the Road leading from Freetown Farm to a point -

Road

voted that Selectmen be authorized to put the road from Rev. Mr. Shaws meeting House to Deacons Brook in repair & then order accordingly -

Agent

Chose Isaac Stevens agent to attend to Indictment for said Road at G. C. P.
voted to dissolve said Meeting

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk

1828

Sept 15

The annual March Meeting for 1828 was taken up pursuant to adjt.

Road

Seth Miller Moderator
voted to accept the report of the Selectmen
in regard to a private way on the petition of Carl Sears & others for the use of the petitioners -

Adj. to next Town Meeting at 2 P.M.
Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk

Annual Fall Meeting for 1828 -

The Inhabitants of Middleboro being duly assembled in Town Meeting held on Sept. 15. 1828 pursuant to the warrant for that purpose duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy -

" Plymouth To any Constable of the Town of Middleboro in said County

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro qualified to vote in Town affairs to appear & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the fifteenth day of September instant at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business to wit:

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To dispose of the privilege of taking the fish called alewives at the usual fishing places in said Town the year ensuing.
3. To choose a Committee to see that the fish called alewives have a sufficient passage way up the streams in said Town the year ensuing.
4. To see what said Town will do relative to the petition of Jonathan Taber & others pending before the County Com. respecting the location of a Highway from the lands of Freetown by Pond Brook & Beach lands meeting House to the line of Freetown & at the same as they shall see meet.
5. To adopt any for obtaining a settlement with those persons liable to refund to the Town the money paid on Execution to the Town of Freetown, & give any instructions to the Treasurer relative to making a settlement with Joseph Clark 3^d.
Hence of said adjt. & make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon. Given under our Hands & Seal this first day of September 1828

Sam^l Hurland } Selectmen
Andrew Hurland }
Nathan Mayhew } of Middleboro

1828 Annual Town Meeting for 1828 Am?

Sept 13th By virtue of the warrant, I have summoned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified as within expressed, to meet at the town place & for the purposes within mentioned by posting notifications at several meeting Houses in said Town Daniel Miller Clerk of Middleborough.

Chose Gamaliel Rainsville Moderator voted to see fishing to Highest Bidders in the following Conditions, The purchasers to be at the expense of inspecting the place, to sell the fish at a price not exceeding seventy five Cents by the hundred to pay the purchase money on the 30th of June next, & give notes with surety for the payment of the same & to pay for use of land at board wages.

Voted to postpone sale till next March Meeting.

Chose Nathan Washburn, Luther Washburn & Luther Mudgett for Sluiceway Committee voted to oppose the petition of Jonathan Tobey & others and make choice of Seth Miller, Oliver Peiver & Isaac Stearns, Esq. as agents for that purpose.

Voted that Gamaliel Rainsville Isaac Stearns & Seth Eaton Esq. be a committee under 5th article in the warrant, to make a settlement & report thereon, with instructions to settle all demands between the Town & Joseph Clark B. with authority, in case of disagreement to submit the same to arbitration.

Voted to adjourn to the first Monday in November next at 2 o'clock P.M.

(Attest J. Stearns Town Clerk)

Fishing

Sluiceway Com.

J. Tobey & others

Com.

to settle with Clark & others

1828 Meeting for Congressmen & Electors

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at a legal meeting holden Nov. 3, 1828 pursuant to a warrant for this purpose duly issued, second & returned of which the following is a true copy By month to any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting.

In the name of the Townsmen of Middleborough you are required to notify & cause all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the Election of Representatives to the General Court to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the third day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following business.

1. To give in their votes for some person to represent the 1st District in the next Congress of the United States.
2. To give in their votes for fifteen Electors of President & Vice President of the United States, one at least of whom must be an Inhabitant of each Congressional District.
3. To choose a Moderator.
4. To determine whether the Town will rebuild or repair the Bridge at Pratt's Pond & act thereon as they shall see cause.
5. To see if the Town will repair the Road at the Pond Hill at Ebenezer Willis & act thereon as they shall see cause.
6. To hear the request of Caleb Pinkham to have the money paid the Town by him for the Heirs of Isaac Hathaway deceased, refunded, & act thereon as they shall see cause. Hereof give not & make due return of this warrant & of your doing thereon. Dated at Middleborough the 30th October 1828

Attest
Luther Washburn
Nathan Washburn
Luther Mudgett
J. Stearns
Middleborough

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Congress in the Town of

Nov. 3

Return

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified as electors to meet at the time & place for the purpose within mentioned by pastings notifications at several meeting houses in said Town.

The said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Representative to Congress, which being sorted & counted were as follows

Rep. to Congress

Hon. Joseph Richardson 76 votes
Thomas P. Beal Esq. 29 votes

Voted for Electors of President of the President which being sorted & counted resulted as follows.

Electors

Thos. L. Whitrop 122	Eliot Gilbert 122
Samuel Lathrop 122	John D. May 45
Nathan Willis 45	Joshua Frost 122
David Henshaw 45	Joseph M. Forward 45
Jepe Putnam 122	Samuel Jones 122
John H. Simpson 45	Phineas Allen 45
Stephen White 122	Edward H. Robbins 122
Josiah Maxwell 45	Ebenezer Seaman 45
Bailey Bartlett 122	Seth Sprague 122
John Ruff 45	Peter H. Pinner 44
Markus Chandler 122	Oliar Stentmeathan 122
William Fattin 45	Elihu Daggett Jr 45
Jonathan Davis 122	Benedict Dimnick 122
Jonas Dille 45	John P. Norton 45
Silas Holman 122	
William Willard 45	

Chas. W. Baume Esq. Moderator

Chas. Wilkes Waile, Nathan Washburn & Paul Hathaway a Committee on the subject of rebuilding or repairing the bridge at Pratts River to report at adj.

1828

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November Meeting 1828

Nov. 3

Chas. Geo. M. Woods, Mr. Baume & Gam. Rounselle a Committee to view Road at Hill north of E. Willis & report what alterations ought to be made in said Road -
Voted that Abiel Washburn, Sead Pinner & Seth Miller be a Committee to consider the application of Caleb Tinkham & report thereon -

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next Town meeting to be holden at this place at 2 o'clock P. M. Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1828

Nov. 3

The annual Fall meeting for 1828 holden on the 15th of Sept. last was taken up pursuant to adj. by Rounselle Moderator
Adj. vote adj. to the next Town meeting to be holden at this place at one o'clock P. M.
Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1828

Nov. 3

The annual March meeting for 1828 was taken up pursuant to adj. & by vote adj. to the next Town meeting at one o'clock P. M.
Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1829

March 2

The Town meeting holden Nov. 3, 1828 was taken up pursuant to adj. by Rounselle Moderator and by vote adj. to the first Monday in April next at 2 o'clock P. M.
Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk.

1829

Mar. 2^d

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Annual March Meeting for 1829.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town Meeting being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday March the second 1829, pursuant to a warrant duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true copy, viz.

Copy of
Warrant

" Plymouths. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County. Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the second day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following business, viz.

1. To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.
2. To choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the months of March or April annually.
3. To choose a Committee to receive and allow accounts against the Town.
4. To raise such sum of money as shall be necessary for a Highway Tax the present year, & direct the manner of expending the same, or adopt any method for the repairs of the Highways as the Town shall see cause.
5. To choose Inspectors of the albacore Fishing.
6. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & report the State of the Treasury.
7. To determine the manner of collecting the Taxes to be applied in said Town the present year, and vote a Compensation to the Treasurer, and act thereon as they shall see cause.

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Mar. 2^d

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8. To hear the report of the Selectmen laying out or altering any Roads or Roads the present year & adopt the same or otherwise as they shall see cause.
 9. To allow demands against the Town & order payment as they shall see cause.
 10. To restrain next Cattle & Horses from going at large the present year, if they shall see cause.
 11. To choose a Pacus Keeper & also some persons to have the care of the Town House.
 12. To determine whether said Town will purchase or provide suitable Sails & buildings for the permanent accommodation, employment & support of the poor of said & act any thing thereon as they shall deem advisable.
 13. To see if the Town will discontinue the Old Road leading from the House of Jonathan Standish to the Guide Board near Capt. Abner Burrows & act thereon as they shall see cause.
- Hereof fail not & make due return of this Warrant & of your doings thereon at or before the said Time of Meeting. Given under our hand & seal at said Middleborough the ninth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred & twenty nine.

Samuel Barton } Selectmen
Seth Brashers }
Reuel Thompson }
Andrew Hastings } Middleboro.

Copy of
Return

Plymouths Feb 26th 1829. By virtue of this Warrant, I have summoned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within mentioned by putting in circulation a warrant meeting House in said Town. Daniel Miller Constable of Middleboro.

1829

March 2

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Chase D. & Ad. Thompson, Moderators
The following Gentlemen were severally
elected to the several offices hereafter designated,
viz.

Isaac Stevens, Clerk

Ruel Thompson	} Deacons
Benjamin Wood	
Samuel Washburn	
Andrew Perkins	
Reuben Washburn	

Isaac Stevens, Treasurer

Constables.

Daniel Miller, John W. Canedy, Joseph Clark
John L. Perkins, Elkanah Hathaway.

Surgeons of Highways.

Daniel Cobb, Richard Clark, Eli Prince
Elijah Thomas Jr., Stephen Harlow, Sylvester
Loomis, Daniel Alden Jr., Cyrus Washburn,
John Brooks Jr., David Leonard, Crocker
Cobb, Cheney Pickens, Nathaniel Staples,
Amos Raymond, Josiah Baker, Nathl.
Shedliff, John Shaw 3^d, Samuel Smith 2^d,
Hendy Bishop, Francis Alwood, Levi
Whitcomb, Andrew Alden Jr., John
Montgomery, Jacob Winslow, Abner Hobbins
Richard Clark 2^d, Ezra Chase, Jacob Bennett
George W. Wood, Joseph Clark 2^d, Salmon M.
Washburn, Thomas Ladd, Deot. Warder, Nathl.
Sampson, William Bourne, Ephraim Shaw,
Dennis Alden, Josiah Sparrow, Isaac Tinkham
Isaac Garfield, George Cag, Elisha Clark Jr.,
Jacob L. Thompson 2^d, Simon Staples

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March 2

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Surgeons of Highways, Cont.

Sinus Benson, Salmon Caswell, Levi Tinkham 2^d,
Samuel Leonard, Silas Pickens, Anson Prince
Isaiah Benson Jr., Samuel S. Clark - Schoolbook
Hansom Darling

Surgeons of Sumner

Levi Tinkham 2^d, James Sparrow, Earl Davis,
Dora Weston, Abisha J. Clark, Bradford
Harlow, Ephraim Shaw, Seth Eaton,
Daniel Briggs, John L. Perkins.

Senec Viewers & Field Drivers.

John Prince, Earl Bourne, Joseph Pickens,
Philander Alden, Joseph Clark 3^d, Jacob Leonard,
Amos Washburn, Noah Ashley Jr., Jacob Bourne,
Timothy M. Leonard, Nathaniel Macomber, David
Wood, Alden Clark, William Shaw, George Pickens,
Elijah Shaw Jr., Thomas Derry, Salmon Caswell,
George Hoar, Abel Dean, Silas H. Hill, Daniel H.
Daniel Cobb, Samuel Cole, John Clark, Elkanah
Richmond, Tenes Bishop, Ephraim Thompson,
Jonathan Waring, Ezra Harlow.

Trything men.

George Leonard, Abner Clark, Asa Holloway,
Abner Keith, Abraham Peirce, Daniel Perkins.

Hog Reeves.

Ezra Sumner, Wilkes Wood, Timothy Keith,
Alden Clark, George C. Leonard, Daniel Shaw,
Amos Farmer, Abner Alden, Capt. Wm. Thomas,
Hercules Richmond, George W. Wood.

School Committee.

Wilkes Wood, Isaac Stevens, Hercules Richmond.

1829

April 6

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Annual April Meeting for 1829

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the sixth day of April 1829 pursuant to a warrant of which the following is a true copy
"Phymouth, To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in for Governor & also in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the sixth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business

1. To give in their votes for Governor & Senators or Councillors for the County of Plymouth
2. To choose a moderator
3. To raise such sum of money as shall be necessary for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses arising in said Town the year & appropriate the same to such uses as shall be deemed advisable & direct to whom the money so raised shall be applied & paid into the Treasury
4. To vote for County Treasurers.

5. To determine the manner of dividing the School money among the several School Districts in the Town the present year.

Henceforth not to make due return of his return & of year doing thereon at or before the next time of meeting, given under our hand & seal the ninth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

Attest Isaac Stearns Clerk
Middleborough

1829

April 6

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Annual April Meeting for 1829

"Phymouth, March 31. 1829, By virtue of this warrant I have summoned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified as within expressed to assemble at the time & place for the purposes within mentioned by posting notifications at the several meeting houses in said Town

Charles Miller Cat of Middleborough gave in their votes for Governor, & Governor Senators, which being sorted, counted, & recorded, Declaration thereof made & sealed up in open Town Meeting as by the Constitution is directed & were for the following persons, viz,

His Ex. Levi Lincoln	372	for Governor
Hon. Marcus Morton	18	
Hon. William Baylies	1	
His Honor Thos. L. Witham	388	for St. Gov.
Hon. Nathan Willis	8	
" Daniel Noble	2	
Hon. Seth Sprague	329	for Selectmen
" Josiah Robbins	310	
Charles J. Holmes Esq	80	
Thos. P. Boas Esq	56	
Abel Kingman Esq	10	
Hon. Peter H. Paine	2	
" William Baylies	2	
Seth Miller Esq	1	

Chase D. Anna Thompson Moderator
Voted for County Treasurers & Poplar Cotton has been elected that Isaac Stearns, Deochariah Eddy, Geo. W. Woods, Seth Eaton, William Nelson, Luther Washburn & Nathan Washburn be a committee to consider & report on the mode of dividing the School money - adj. to next town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Clerk

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April 6.

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Annual March Meeting for 1829 by adjt.

The annual March Meeting for 1829 was
taken up pursuant to adjt. D. A. Thompson Mod.
excused John Sherr as Surayer of Highways & Chase
Ebenzer Sherr in his place
excused Abner Hubbard & Chase Geo. L. Tinkham
Surayer of Highways -

Excused Simeon Woods & Chase Nathl. Bump as
Surayer of Highways

Chase Hanson Darling Surayer of Highways.

Chase Enoch Drake & Seth Eaton School

Agents in place of Josiah Robinson and

Elijah Alden excused -

Hillory
Tut -

voted to raise the sum of Three Thousand
Dollars for a Highway Tax to be paid in labour
& materials in repairing the Highways, at the
same prices as allowed the last year, three
fourths of which at least to be expended before
the first day of July next -

Surayers
instructed
& paid

voted that the Surayers of Highways be
instructed to call such a number of men
only to work at a time as can well be
employed under their own inspection -
and that they exhibit to the auditors an
account, a particular account of their
services showing how much time they were
employed on duty, & how many hands they
have had each day under their direction,
the amount of their own Highway Tax
& that they shall be allowed & paid for their
services after deducting their Taxes.

voted that the bill be carried over to Surayers
by the 15 day of May next.

voted that the General Surayers be authorized
to remove incumbrances occasioned by snow
in the same manner as if no highway tax had
been voted & raised in Town the present year

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April 6

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Annual March Meeting for 1829 by adjt.

voted that there be allowed & paid out of the
Treasury to Milner Road Seventy two dollars to
Seth Eaton twelve Dollars & to Seth Miller one
Dollar & fifty Cents in full for their services as
overseers of the poor up to this date -

voted that the Chairman of the select men be
allowed & paid a reasonable compensation for
all his services which shall be rendered as
Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor.

Chase Abner Barrows, Jacob Barrows
John Bardeen, Scott Bardeen, Edward Bardeen
Jant. Robinson, Amos Washburn, Seth Eaton &
Jacob Barrows Jr, Silas H. Hildes, Josiah
Tinkham, & Cyrus Washburn 2^d Inspectors of
the alewife fishery without expense to the Town
Chase Capt. Silas Briggs Inspector of fishing
at expense of Town -

Chase Col. Southworth Ellis Jr. Constable
voted to adjourn to May meeting
voted to reconsider the adjournment to the
May meeting.

voted that the Town & County Taxes which shall
be assessed in said Town the present year be collected
in the same manner they were collected in the year
1828 & that the same discount be made & allowed
by the Collectors for prompt payment as was allowed
in 1828 -

Chase Isaac Strong their Treasurer & Collector
of Taxes.

voted to allow & pay said Strong for his services
as Treasurer & Collector the sum of fifty dollars
Chase Levi Pierce, Abiel Washburn, Milner
Adson, Abner Clark & Andrew H. Hildes in Com-
mittee to distribute Alms to poor persons -

Chase Lech. Cady & Darius Miller as additional
members of School Committee - adjt. to the next Town
meeting to be held in this place at 9 o'clock P.M. on the 15th day of May next from Clark

1829

Apr. 6.

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 Annual fall meeting by adj.
 The annual fall meeting for 1828 held
 Sept 15. 1828 was taken up pursuant to adj.

J. Rounsaville moderators
 voted to accept the report of the Committee
 appointed to make a settlement with Staples &
 Macomber, which report made a balance
 due said Staples & Macomber from the Town
 of \$58.13 in full settlement of all account
 between them & the Town, & which report is
 on file - Disposed said meeting

Attest J. Stevens, Clerk -

1829 The Town meeting held at 3. 1828 was
 Apr. 6. this day taken up pursuant to adj.
 voted to accept the report of a Committee
 of which Geo. Wilcox is chairman

adj. to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock
 Attest J. Stevens, Clerk -

1829

Apr. 6 At a Town Meeting held this day to see
 what said Town will do relative to an
 indictment agt. said Town for suffering
 the Highway leading from John Trueman's
 to John Shaw's to be out of repair,
 voted that Samuel Thompson, Thomas
 Hartwell & Joseph Robbins be a
 Committee to view said Road & report
 what sum is needed to be expended in the
 repair of said Road -

Chose Isaac Stevens agent to answer
 to said indictment in C. C. R. C.

Adj. to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P. M.
 Attest Isaac Stevens, Clerk -

1829

May 4.

p. 50.

at adj. of the above meeting held May 4. 1829
 appropriated the sum of \$50. for the Repair of said Road
 pursuant to Report of Committee, and appointed Mr. S. Eddy agent
 to expend the same - (Disposed. Attest J. Stevens, Clerk -)

1829

May 4.

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 Annual March Meeting by adj.

The annual March Meeting for 1829 having been
 adjourned to the 4th May 1829 was then taken up
 (Doct. Fred Thompson pres.)

The Committee appointed to settle accounts between
 the Town & Isaac Stevens their Treasurer made a report
 which was accepted and is as follows -

year Committee find in hands of Treasurer	\$ 321.05
a vote agt. Nathl. Barns	10.54
" " " Staples & Sampson	5.24
Due on Tax bills of 1829	\$ 18.61
" " " " 1828	215.14 224.05
Sales of Fish for 1829	226.11
	\$ 786.88

The Committee appointed to consider the subject
 of providing suitable land & buildings for the
 permanent accommodation & employment of the Poor
 of said Town made the following Report.

"That whether the subject is viewed with reference
 to the comfort of the paupers, their moral condition,
 instruction & government, or true economy of the Town,
 prudence & policy in the opinion of your Committee,
 equally urge the Town to provide a permanent
 establishment to be under the immediate & constant
 care of the officers of the Town -

That a farm, not of large extent within a convenient
 distance of a place of public worship, & of convenient
 access from all parts of the Town, be selected on a
 purchased site. That suitable buildings adapted to the
 particular object in view - be erected thereon or
 purchased for an almshouse establishment -
 which report was by vote accepted: whereupon
 it was voted that Joshua Eddy Jr., Seth Eaton
 Luther Washburn, Milton Wood, Peter H. Pierce
 Seth Miller & Thomas Weston Esq. be appointed a Committee

1829
May 1st

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Annual March Meeting by adj.
with full authority & instructions to carry said
Report & the vote thereon into full effect.
Adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1829
May 1st

Annual
June

The Annual April meeting for 1829 was on the
1st day of May 1829 taken up pursuant to adj. & then for the
Vote to raise Three Thousand seven Hundred &
Fifty dollars for a tax to be assessed on the Poll &
Rateable Estate in said Town on the 1st of May 1829
for to defray the necessary charges of said Town for 1829
The assessments to be made & the bills committed to the
Collector on the 1st day of December next
voted to appropriate the sum of \$1800 for Schools
& one third of the same for summer & the residue for
winter schools. The money for the summer schools to
be paid on the 1st of January next.

The Report of a Committee recommending an equal
distribution of the school money among the several Districts
was made but not accepted.

Said Meeting was then by vote dissolved.

Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1829
May 1st

Adjourned at
Pratt's
Lane

The Town Meeting held on Nov. 3rd 1828 was
taken up pursuant to adj. on the 1st of May 1829
The Committee on the subject of repairing or
rebuilding the Bridge at Onatogami reported as follows
"That the Road across the River near Onatogami be
straightened, the Canal on the South Side of the River
be filled up & the bridge be built conformable to such
alteration, provided the Town of Onatogami concur
in the alteration of the Road - if not, that said Canal
be filled up, the traverses rebuilt & covered with stone
except so much as is necessary for a Raft way under
the Bridge" - which Report was accepted & Nathan
Washburn charged with the execution of the same
adj. to next Town Meeting Attest Isaac Stevens Town Clerk.

1829
May 1st

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Annual May Meeting for 1829.
The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
at a legal Town Meeting holden on the 1st day of
May 1829 pursuant to a warrant of which the following
is a true Copy, viz,
"By an authority, To any Constable of the Town of
Middleborough in said County, Greeting."

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Doth you are hereby required to notify and warn
all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
to vote in for Representatives to the General Court & in
Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their
Town House in said Town on Monday the 1st day of May
next at one of the Clock in the afternoon to do as the
following business, viz,

1. To choose one or more of the Inhabitants of said
Town to represent said Town in the next general Court
of this Commonwealth.
2. To choose a moderator.
3. To see what said Town will do relative to the petition of
John W. Canedy & others pending in the Court of County
Commissioners, for the County of Plymouth for the location
of a Road in said Town from the line of Westover by
the Baptist meeting House to the line of Taunton & act
thereon as they shall see cause.
4. To see what the Town will do relative to the petition
of Andrew L. Alden & others as to repairing the Road
leading from Andrew Alden to Alden's bridge & act thereon.
5. To hear the request of Geo. Woods relative to building the
Road near his House.
6. To hear the request of Joseph Barden relative to an
injury he received in a lawsuit with Joseph
Black 3rd - Hence of fail not to make due return of
this warrant & of your doings thereon at or before the said
time of meeting. Given under the hand of the Selectmen of
the year Eighteen Hundred & twenty nine, this 1st day of April in

Attest
Isaac Stevens
Town Clerk
Nathan Washburn
Selectmen
of Middleborough
Benjamin Wood

1829
May 21st
Return

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May Meeting for 1829 Contd.

Phymouthp. May 21st 1829 By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the within named Inhabitants of said Town by posting Advertisements at the several meeting Houses in said Town

Joseph Black Esq. of Middlebury

Noted to Elect six Representatives the present year & made choice of Lechaniah Eddy Seth Eaton, William Nelson Oliver Pease Ephraim Ward & John Benson for Representatives -

Noted to oppose the petition of Joseph Canedy & others & Chase Isaac Stearns agent for that purpose -

Noted that the subject of the petition of Andrew L. Alden & others be committed to the care of Nathan Washburn to manage at his discretion -

Noted that the request of Geo. Wood be referred to the select men -

Noted that the request of Joseph Borden be referred to Alice Washburn, Levi Pinet & Seth Miller Esq. to consider & report -

Adj. to next town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk

1829
Sept 21st

The Town meeting holden Nov. 3. 1828 was called up pursuant to adj.

The Committee appointed on the request of Caleb Tenkham made a Report recommending that the Town allow & pay him twenty five dollars, which report was accepted & that sum allowed him accordingly -

Noted that the selectmen alter Road near G. Willis & appropriate a sum of money for G. Willis to lay out on the same

Adj. to next T. M. at 1 P.M.
Attest J. Stearns T. Clerk

1829
Sept 21st

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Fall Meeting for 1829 -

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury at a legal Town Meeting holden Sept. 21. 1829 pursuant to a warrant duly issued served & returned of which the following is a true copy - viz

"Phymouthp. To Daniel Miller Constable of the Town of Middlebury in said County - Greeting -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town of Middlebury qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the twenty first day of September next at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business viz -

1. To choose a Moderator.
2. To choose a Committee to see that the fish called alewives have a sufficient passage way up the stream the year ensuing and to instruct such Committee to see that said fish have a convenient passage way around or through the dam of Crocker, Richmond & Leonard across Taunton Great River near Kings Bridge, if they shall see cause -
3. To dispose of the privilege of taking the fish called alewives the year ensuing at the several fishing places in said Town & determine the conditions of the sale -
4. To adopt such measures as the Town shall think proper in relation to the seasonal petitions of Lech. Eddy & others & of John Thomas & others praying upon the County Commissioners for the location of Highways in said Town.
5. To adopt measures in relation to two Indictments against said Town for bad roads
6. To increase the compensation of the Treasurer & Collector for his services the present year, if the Town shall see cause -

1829
Sept 21.

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Fall Meeting for 1829 Can. 2
Hereof fail not and make due return
of this warrant & of your doings therein
at or before the said time of meeting.
Given under our hands & seal this twenty
fourth day of August in the year eighteen
hundred & twenty nine - "

(Signed) Andrew Haskins } Selectmen
Nathan Washburn }
Luther Washburn }
Benj. P. Wood } Milford.

" Hymanth. Sept. 14 1829 By virtue of this
Warrant I have notified & warned the inhabi-
tants of said Town qualified as voters to appear
to meet at the time & place for the purposes herein
mentioned by passing notifications at the several
Meeting Houses in said Town -

(Signed) Daniel Miller Const. Milford.

Chose Dr. Amos Thompson Moderator.
Chose Abner Barnard, Benj. P. Wood, Seth Eaton
Nathan Washburn & Luther Washburn a
Haive way Committee.

Noted that said Committee be instructed
to cause a convenient passage way for the
fish to be opened through the Dam of Crocker
Richmond & Leonard, in case a convenient
passage for that purpose be not made through
or around said Dam by the owners -

Noted that the fish be sold at the present
time & on the same conditions as last year,
excepting that the purchasers be allowed to sell
the fish for the most they will bring, provided
that all fish delivered to, or persons in charge
of the Town shall be at 2/ per hundred -

The vote as to selling the fish at the present
time was considered -

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Sept 21.

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Noted that the Town oppose all parts of the
Road petitioned by J. Eddy & others, except that part
thereof lying between the Capt. Bidden House & the Ham
of Joseph Clark &c.

Noted to reconsider so much as the last vote relates
to the portion lying eastward of said Clark's, on the motion
of J. Eddy -

Chose Isaac Stearns agent to oppose that part
between Bidden's Stone & Brown's Hill beyond the
Miller House -

Noted that the Selectmen attend the Commission
with instructions to oppose any other section of said
Road at their discretion -

Noted that these Selectmen attend before the Commission-
ers & represent the interests of the Town on the Petition
of John Thomas & others -

Noted that Nathaniel Staples be authorized
to put the Road leading from Apponaug to Farm
within this Town in a convenient state of repair at the expense
of the Town -

Noted that the Selectmen be directed to countermand
any orders given by them as to laying out money on said Road.
Chose Capt. Nath. Staples agent to put the Beach to near
River which is under Indisment in a convenient state
of repair & the charge of the Town -

Chose Isaac Stearns agent to attend to both said
Indisments in Court.

Adj^d to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk -

1829
Sept 21.

The annual town meeting for 1829 was called up -

& adj^d to next Town Meeting at 2 P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk -

The annual March meeting for 1829 was called up
& adj^d to next Town Meeting at 2 P.M.

Attest Isaac Stearns Town Clerk -

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #96
TOWN RECORDS 1830-1832, 9:118-177 Holbrook

1830

Jan 27

Town Meeting Jan 27 1830

The Inhabitants of Middleborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled in Town Meeting Wednesday 27th Jan 1830 - pursuant to Warrant on file.

To take into consideration the subject of the Petition of Saml. Crocker & others, pending before the General Court praying for an alteration of the Law which requires the owners of the dam across Turnton Great River at Kings Bridge to construct & keep open according to law a convenient way for the passage of such fish as usually pass up the same River in their proper season.

And choose such Agents, & adopt any measures in relation thereto as the Town shall see cause.

Such being an
Things done

Chose Capt J. W. Leonard Moderator.

Noted to oppose the prayer of said Petition.

Chose Gamaliel Bouscaine & Miller Wood Agents to appear before Court Committee.

Also to present a Remonstrance to the Court.

Instructed the Representatives of this Town in the General Court to use all proper measures to oppose the prayer of said Petition.

and the meeting was dissolved.

Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk.

1830.

Jan 27

Full meeting for 1829 called up and by vote adjourned to the next March Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest J. Stevens Town Clerk.

Annual March Meeting March 3 1830

1830

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being duly assembled in Town Meeting, on Wednesday March 3 1830, pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy - viz.

In Plymouth ss To my Constable of the Town of Middleborough Greeting - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the election of Town officers & also all such as are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet together at their Town House in said Town on Wednesday the third day of March next at twelve o'clock at noon to act on the following business, viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting.
- 2nd To Choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the month of March or April annually.
- 3rd To Choose a Committee to receive & allow accounts against the Town.
- 4th To raise a Tax for the support of Highways the present year & determine the time & manner of paying the same.
- 5th To Choose Inspectors of the Marine Fishery.
- 6th To Choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & report the State of the Treasury.
- 7th To determine the manner of collecting the Taxes to be assessed in said Town the present year & vote a compensation to the Treasurer.
- 8th To hear the report of the select men in laying out or altering any Road or Roads & adopt the same or otherwise.
- 9th To allow demands against the Town & order payment.
- 10th To restrain neat cattle & horses from going at large the present year.
- 11th To Choose a Pound-keeper.
- 12th To appoint some person to keep the key of the Town House.
- 13th To adopt such measures as the Town shall see cause in relation to the petition of Lemuel Wood & others for the alteration of a road in said Town, pending before the County Commissioners.

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Art. 14th To choose an agent or committee to appear before the County Commissioners at the location of a new Highway near the fresh meadow for a road called, & accept any measures for the diversion of the old Road across the dam from the house of Nathl. Shurtleff to the house of Joshua Leach as the Town shall see cause.

15th To see if the Town will divide School District No. 18 and act thereon as they see cause.

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon at or before the next time of meeting. Given under our hands & seals this eighth day of February in the year Eighteen Hundred & thirty,

Luther Washburn } Collect men
Andrew Haskins } of
Reuel Thompson } Middlebury

Return Plymouth for March 1st 1830. By virtue of this warrant I have warned the inhabitants of School District No. 18 as herein expressed to meet at the time & place & for the purpose herein mentioned by posting notifications at several meeting-houses in said Town.

Darius Miller, Constable

Act 3
1830
Doings

Chose Doct. Reuel Thompson Moderator.

The following Gentlemen were then elected to the several offices designated, Viz.

Reuel Thompson Clerk

Selectmen

Reuel Thompson

Benjamin F. Wood

Luther Washburn

Andrew Haskins

Nathan Washburn

R. Linkham, Treasurer

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Doings

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Constables. Darius Miller, Wm. F. Hayford, Jos. Clark, D. Andrew M. Lully, Jno. C. Perkins, Southworth, Ellis.

Surveyors of Highways

Mordeen Keith, Peleg B. Clarke, Nathl. Rider, Lot. Cobb, Stephen Harlow, Ephraim Shaw, Saml. White, Lebedee Leonard, John Strobbridge, Benj. Washburn, Nathl. Edley, Eben. Pickens, Gibbon Southworth, Tho. Savory, Nathl. Shurtleff, Daniel Savory, Jr., Amos Thomas, Jonathan Cobb, Alfred Soule, Luther Murchock, Oliver Eaton, John Montgomery, Eben. Willis, Leb. Shaw, Ezra Chace, Earl Bourne, Wm. Westgate, Geo. W. Wood, Elijah Shaw, Tho. Lovell, Scot Barden, Nathl. Larison, Lem. Briggs, Winslow Thomas, Joshua Shaw, Josiah Barrows, Admirum Cushman, Cypholus Richmond, Amasa Thompson, Abigail Clarke, George Harwood, Simon Staples, Linus Benson, James Sparrow, Tho. N. Leonard, Silas Pickens, Anson Peirce, Wm. Benson, Nehemiah Bennett, Cephas Thompson. — Chose Nathl. Staples to act as Surveyor in the District in which Grey Winslow, Saml. S. Clarke, Salmon M. Washburn & Josiah Baker served the past year.

Committee to receive & allow accounts

Wilkes Wood, Peter L. Peirce, Ethan Peirce, Tho. Weston, Saml. Rousseau, Seth Miller, Geo. W. Wood.

Voted to pass to the 15th art.

Voted to accept the following report of a Committee of School District No. 18, chosen by said District for that purpose, Viz.

The Committee, appointed at a meeting of citizens of School District No. 18 held on the 10th day of Feb^y Inst. and to whom was referred the subject of ascertaining & reporting an equal & suitable Division of said District, having attended to that subject submit the following Report: — That a division of the district in the following manner

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Report of
Committee for
Dist. No. 18

March Meeting for 1830 Cont.

"Voted Beginning at the westerly line of the District near River
Launch pond thence running easterly to the corners so as
to leave all the houses on both sides of the Hammon road
on the north side of the line, thence by the center of the road
towards the New Works till it passes by the Smelling house
now occupied by Lewis Lincoln & James Jackson - Thence
Northeastly running between the house of Lincoln & Jackson
& the house occupied by Jacob Williams to the line of the
land of P.H. Pierce - thence Southwesterly in the line between
the land of Levi & P.H. Pierce to the River - And that
all the inhabitants living on the southerly side of
P line (to) constitute one District & those on the Northerly
side thereof the other - The Committee find that the
taxable property of the District is very equally divided
by said line - That the number of Males upwards of
16 years of age now residing in the District is 130 - 67
of whom live on the South side of P line & 63 on the North
That the number of children under 16 years of age is 131
of whom 67 live on the South & 64 on the North side of the
line designated by the Committee -

All which is respectfully submitted -

Feb 20th 1830

W. Bourne Jr. Secy

designations
of
Dist. No. 18

"Voted that the part of Dist. No. 18 designated above as
the South part be hereafter known as District No. 18
and that the North part of P District be District No. 37

Surveyors of Lumbton

Surveyors
Lumbton

Chase, Levi Tenckham Jr., James Sprout, Earl
Seans Jr., Dury Weston, Abeshae T. Clarke,
Bradford Harlow, Lephaniah Shaw, Seth
Eaton, Daniel Briggs, Caleb Alden -

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Fence Viewers
and
Field Drivers

Seneca Thomas, Earl Bourne, Joseph
Jackson, Abram Perkins, Martin Larell,
Jacob Thompson Jr., Amos Washburn,
Noah Ashley Jr., Jacob Barrows.

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on Viewers
and
Drivers

March Meeting for 1830 Contin.

Appollas Haskins, W. Shurtliff, David Wood,
Abiel Pierce, W. Shaw Jr., David Richmond,
Orsamus Littlejohn, Thomas Perry, Jacob Bennett Jr.,
Abram Pierce, Abiel Dean, Silas Haskell, Geo.
W. Wood, Tho. Savory, Sam. Cole, Let. Pratt,
Elisha Richmond, Ansel Smith, Ephas Thompson,
Jonathan Burney, Ezra Harlow -

Fythingmen.

Fythingmen

Geo. Leonard, Humphrey Alden, Lot L. Canady,
Abideen Keith, Abram Pierce, Solomon
White, Jarius Sammons.

Hog Reeves.

Hog Reeves

Charles Keith, Wilkes Wood, John Clarke,
Jos. Macomber, Geo. C. Leonard, Alfred Shaw,
Nath. Thomas, Abram Pierce, Joseph L. Baron,
Edward Richmond, Geo. W. Wood -

Voted to choose no School Committee this year -

Prudential Committee of School Districts

School
Committee

Levi's Soule, W. S. Ledy, Wm. Eaton & Roundsville,
Caleb Alden, Venus Thompson, Eben Shaw,
David Wood, Ephas Shaw, Israel Smith Jr.,
Nath. Shurtliff, Samalid Keller, Eben Smith,
Roland Sammons, Sam. Smith Jr., James Cole,
Chas. Hooper, John Warren, Nathan Washburn,
Calvin Shaw, Jacob Holmes, Silas Hathaway,
Hideon Southworth, Lattu Pickens, Jos. Shookley,
Let. L. Canady, Asa Holloway, John Harrison Jr.,
Josiah Barrows, Jason Wilbour, Sam. Nelson,
Tho. Perry, Otis Perry, Enoch Southworth, Jacob
Thompson Jr., Hercules Cushman, Isaac Lyons

Committee

with Shaws

transfer books

Voted & chose a Committee of three persons, Viz.
Wm. Bourne, P.H. Pierce & Sam. Roundsville to settle
with late Treasurer & transfer the books to present Treasurer -

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Chose Bond

Voted that the above committee be instructed to take a Bond of Treasurer & Collector - Chose R. Binkham Collector

Voted to allow the Treasurer & Collector Fifty Dollars for his services the present year

Voted to restrain Great Cattle & Horses from going at large the present year

Chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper

Chose Benjamin Thompson to keep the Key & have the care of the Town House

Station of
Lance Road

Voted that the selectmen be a committee to go before the County Commissioners, to be assembled at the house of Mr. Sprout in Middleboro' on Thursday the fourth of March Inst. to oppose the petition of Lorenzo Wass & others now pending before Commissioners

Chose Isaac Stevens agent to appear before the County Commissioners for the purpose expressed in the 14th article of the warrant for this meeting -

Voted to add another fence viewer & field driver to the number before chosen

Chose Daniel Alden

Adjourned to next meeting at one o'clock P.M.

Attest R. Binkham Town Clerk.

Full meeting
taken up
1829

The annual fall meeting held on Sept 21st 1829 was taken up pursuant to adjournment on the 3rd of March 1830

Armed Thompson, Moderator

Voted to proceed to the sale of the above fishing Chose Mr. Broom auctioneer for the purpose

Sold as follows

Settling mill near S. Bainesville \$142.00

Old Stone near S. H. Prince 141.00

Abbaswomset Brook Amos Washburn 26.00

Sam^l Baines, vice officer Joseph Clark & Thos. Shattuck as bondsmen who were accepted by the Town - P. H. Burn off and armed Thompson & Isaac Stevens as bondsmen, accepted. Amos Washburn, Thos. Shattuck & Amos Washburn accepted. Adjourned to next meeting at one o'clock P.M.

1830

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March Meeting Cont by adjt.

April 5th

The annual March Meeting was taken up April 5th 1830 pursuant to adjournment - Amos Thompson Moderator when it was voted

Officers
elected

To excuse Mr. Hafford from serving as Constable, and Salmon M. Washburn was chosen in his stead

Voted to excuse David Richmond from serving as Fence Viewer & Field Driver and Jonathan Leonard & was chosen in his stead

Voted to excuse Nath. Staples from serving as Surveyor of Highways in the District in which Salmon M. Washburn served the past year & Chose Reuben Hafford in his stead

Voted to excuse Lewis Benson from serving as Surveyor of Highways & Chose Abner M. Smith in his stead

Voted to excuse Aba Benson from serving as Surveyor of Highways & Chose Amos Benson in his stead

Voted to Chose Thos. Lovell Fence Viewer & Field Driver

Voted to excuse Grace Smith & from serving as School Agent & Chose Henry Thomas in his stead

Voted to excuse Thos. Horry from serving as School Agent & Chose Noah Ashley in his stead

Way
Tax

Voted to raise the sum of Three thousand Dollars by a Tax to be paid in labour & materials in repairing the Highways in the Town the present year, and that the same compensation be allowed & the same time of payment provided as were voted by the Town the year past

Voted that the Tax Bills be committed to the several Surveyors by the 15th day of May next

Town Tax
Collection

Voted that the Town Taxes be collected in the same manner & that the same discount be allowed for prompt payment as was voted last year

Report of
Committee
on the
Claims
of
Barnes

The Committee Chosen to examine the Claims of Joseph Barnes on the Town, made a report, which is on file, that the Town is not liable to pay any part of the sum claimed. Accepted by Vote

1830 March Meeting ^{Page 126} Cont by adjt.

^{Inspectors}
^{of}
^{the}
^{fishery}
The following persons were Chosen Inspectors of the Marine
Fishery without expense to the Town for their services Viz.
Abner Barrows, Abner Leonard, Jacob Barrows, Moses
Thomas, Jacob C. Barrows, Willard Bryant, Seth Baran,
Lyander Wood, Silvanus Kinckley, Eliza Richmond
Advised Elias Briggs whom the Town is to pay for his services—
Chose Isaac Hleuens Esq Agent to appear & represent
the interest of the Town before the County Commissioners
at their meeting for the purpose of locating a Road
at Pratt's Dam on the 27th of April Inst.

Voted to excuse R. D. Eaton from services sched again

I Chose Doc^t Sh^r Sturtevant in his place

^{Wish}
^{Comm^t} Chose Luther Washburn, Levi Pierce, Abiel Washburn,
Seth Miller, & Sh^r Sturtevant a Committee to
distribute Herrings among such poor persons as in
their opinion ought to receive them gratis from the Town

Adjourned to next Town Meeting 30th

Attest R. Sinkham Town Clerk

1831

April 6 The Annual fall Meeting for 1829 was taken
up and adjourned to next Town Meeting
at this House at 4 O'clk

Attest R. Sinkham Town Clerk

1830 Annual April Meeting ^{Page 127}

April 5th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 5th
month day of April 1830 pursuant to a Warrant of which the
following is a true copy Viz.

Plymouth ss We the undersigned of the Constables of the Town of Middle-
borough in P County

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants
of P Town qualified to vote for Governor & all in Town
affairs, to assemble & meet together at their Town House
in P Town on Monday the fifth day of April next at
one O'clk in the afternoon to act on the following
business Viz.

1st To give in their votes for Governor & Lt Governor of this
Commonwealth & two Senators or Councilors for the
County of Plymouth—

2^d To choose a Moderator—

3^d To raise such sum of Money as shall be necessary
for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges
& expenses arising in P Town the present year & appropriate
the same to such uses as shall be deemed advisable and
direct when the money so raised shall be assessed &
paid into the Treasury—

4th To give in their votes for County Treasurer—

5th To adopt such measures as the Town shall see cause
in relation to their highways against the Town
for bad roads & for the repair of the roads indicted—

6th To see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to pay to the
agent of School District No 16 the amount of money
appropriated to the use of the town and school in P
District for the year eighteen hundred & twenty nine and
act any thing thereon as they shall see cause—

7th To hear the request of school agents who have no
shown their proportion of money for the year
eighteen hundred & twenty nine and act any

1830

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April 5th

Warrant

thing thereon that the Town shall think proper.
If of fail not to make due return of this warrant
of your doings thereon at or before 8 time of meeting -
Given under our hands & seals this eighth day
of March in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred & thirty.

Luther Washburn (Select men.
Nathan Washburn
Benj. P. Wood) Middlebury

Return

Plymouth St. April 5th 1830 By virtue of the
within warrant I have notified the within named
Inhabitants to assemble & meet as within directed
by passing up advertisements at the several
meetinghouses in Town

Jos. Clark Constable

Votes for

Governor

Senators

Gave in their votes for Governor & Governor and
Senators, which, being sorted, counted, recorded, &
declaration thereof made & sealed up in open
Town Meeting as is by the Constitution directed, were
for the following persons: Viz -

Hon. Marcus Morton	420 votes	for Governor
Hon. Levi Lincoln	137 votes	
Hon. Nathan Willis	372 votes	for Senators
Hon. Thos. L. Winthrop	149 votes	
A. V. C. Wilder	23 votes	Lt Governor
John Brooks	1 vote	
Wm Baylies	1 vote	
Samuel M. Winthrop	1 vote	
Thomas Lotthrop	1 vote	
Thomas Winthrop	1 vote	

Doct. Asael Thompson 474 votes
Solomon Lincoln 289 "
Hon. Chas. J. Folger 127 "
Col. John B. Turner 58 "
Daniel Melick 22 "

Ebenezer Gay 1 vote
Benj. P. Wood 22
Chas. Holmes 20
Wm. Burne 2
Solomon Willis 21
Nath. M. Davis 2

1830

April 5th

Warrant

Return

Votes for

Governor

Senators

Lt Governor

School Committee

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April 26th

Warrant

Return

Votes for

Governor

Senators

Lt Governor

School Committee

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Voted

Annual March Meeting 1830

April 26th The annual March Meeting was taken up -

Dr. Asael Thompson Moderator

It was voted to reconsider a vote passed on the 3 day of March
last, in which the Town voted to choose one school comm. this year -
Voted to choose a School Committee to consist of ten persons
Voted by ballot & chose Benj. P. Wood, John Perkins,
Ebenezer Pickens, Jos. Shaw, Andrew Hastings,
Samuel Miller, N. Nathan Washburn, Daniel Melick Jr.,
Asael Thompson & Asael Bennett - Voted to request the Committee
to examine & appropriate school lands & school property - Voted to leave Henry
Shaw & school m^{rs} Parsons to serve as Trustees of school comm. in 1831
Voted to adjourn to next Town meeting 30th of March at 10 o'clock
Attest Benj. P. Wood Town Clerk

April 26th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 26th day of April 1830 pursuant to a warrant of which the following is a true copy - V^{er}. Plymouth ss. To any constable of the Town of Middleborough Meeting, In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Notify & warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in the election of Town officers to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the 26th day of April Inst. at 3 o'clock P.M. to act on the following business - V^{er} -

- 1st To choose a Moderator of said Meeting -
 - 2^d To see if said Town will reconsider a vote passed on the 3^d day of March last wherein they voted to choose the School Committee the present year
 - 3^d To see if the Town will so far comply with the positive requisition of the late School Law as to choose the School Committee for which it provides without which the money raised for the support of schools cannot be legally expended -
- Hereof fair notice & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or before said time of meeting.

Given under our hands & seal this last day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty. Luther Washburn
Andrew Haskins } Selectmen
Paul Thompson }
Benjⁿ P. Moore } Middleborough

Chas. D. A. Thompson Moderator - Voted to adjourn this meeting for half an hour & the articles in this warrant were acted upon under the last March Meeting Warrant.

disolved (See the preceding page) after which this meeting was dissolved -
The annual April Meeting was then taken up. I solemnly Exg. Moderator
Adjourned to next Town Meeting 3 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

36 The annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment - Doct. A. Thompson Moderator -
The committee chosen to settle with Ingersoll & report the State of the Treasury submitted the following report -
(Due to the Town

In Taxes for 1828 from S. Stevens Collector	\$21.57	
" " " 1829 " " "	356.53	378.12
On note due the Town		
against Gam ^l Ransom with date July 1 st 1829	6.00	
" Luther Washburn " "	32.57	
" Joseph Clark & Joseph Clark S	79.08	
" Gam ^l Ransom due 30 th June inst	142.00	
" P. H. Pierce " " "	141.00	
" Amos Washburn " " "	26.50	483.08
		\$861.20

Due from the Town		
Of Isaac Stevens late Treasurer	19.37	
On Note to Judge Wason	100.00	
" Outstanding Orders	397.93	
" Unsettled Accounts say	200.00	717.30
Balance Treasury		\$143.90

Which report was by vote accepted -
The selectmen who were appointed at the annual April Meeting to view the roads under indictment & report the Town necessary to put them in repair reported the different sums they thought proper which report is on file
And it was voted to accept the report & instruct the committee to put the roads in repair accordingly
In consequence of the removal of a Selectman Chas. W. Ransom he & wife Adjourned to next Town Meeting 3 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

1830 The annual April Meeting was taken up I solemnly Exg. Moderator
It was voted to raise by Tax on the polls & estates of the inhabitants of the Town the sum of Five thousand Dollars for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses arising in the Town the present year & that the Tax be assessed & the bills Committed to the collector by the first day of December next -
Voted to appropriate the sum of 1800 Dollars to the support of the school in the present year - Adjourned to next Town Meeting 2 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

1830

Annual May Meeting for 1830

May 3 The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on the 3 day of May 1830 pursuant to a warrant of which the following is true copy, Viz.

Warrant: - To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court & in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at the Town House in P Town on Monday the 3 day of May next at One O'Clock in the afternoon to act on the following business: Viz -

- 1st To Choose One or More of the Inhabitants of P Town to represent P Town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth.
- 2nd To Choose a Moderator.
- 3rd To see what P Town will do in relation to the Petition of Mr. Bourne & others, Elias Samson & others and Ezra Thompson & others for the location of Railroad different parts of the Town.
- 4th To see what P Town will do in relation to the petition of the Selectmen of the Town of Carver for the discontinuance of the Road across the land at the Brick Mission Forge, & c.
- 5th To choose an agent or agents to appear before the County Commissioners at the location of a Road in the petition of John W. Canady & others if they shall see cause.
- 6th To see what advice or further instructions the Town will give to the Mrs. House Committee relation to attaining & performing the buildings which have been purchased for the reception of the paupers of P Town.
- 7th To see what they deem existing circumstances & c. require for the suppression of intemperance.

1830

May Meeting for 1830 Continued

May 3 The Town will recommend to their selectmen to with hold approbations for licences from retailers & c. & c. or either of them.

To take measures in pursuance of a law passed at the last session of the General Court for surveying the Town & causing a Map of the same.

9th To approve the list of names for the Jury Box which the Selectmen with them present or not as the Town think proper.

11th To see if the Town will adopt measures for the repair of the Road on the hill near the house of Thomas Wells.

11th To see if the Town will indemnify G. W. Wood & others, petitioners for the moving & rebuilding woodwards Bridge, in case said petition shall not be granted.

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon at or before P. time of meeting Given under our hands & seal this thirteenth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty.

Luther Washburn } Selectmen
Andrew Haskins }
Rud Thompson } of Middleborough

Resolved to send one Representative & no more this year - then voted by ballot for Representation & the following was the result Viz for H. Washburn 104 votes

Luther Washburn	55
Saml. Remondette	28
Deut. A. Thompson	24
Luck. Early Esq	15
Scattering	21
No Choice	

On the second balloting

H. Washburn	136 votes
Luther Washburn Esq	69
Scattering	25

So Hercules Washburn Esq was declared to be elected. Chose Isaac Stevens Esq a Moderator.

Chose Luther Washburn agent with discretionary instructions to appear said part of the road & pay a fine from the petition of Mr. Bourne & others as they shall think proper.

1831 Annual May Meeting Continued

May 3 Chose Luther Washburn & Silas Pickett agents to appear before the County Commissioners & oppose the petition of Eben Samson & others for location of Road
Voted to pass over the article on petition of Ezra Thompson & others to pass over the article on petition of William of Cornish
Chose Isaac Stevens & Wilkes Wood Esq. agents to attend to the interests of the Town at the location of a Road on the petition of John W. Canedy & others -

Intemperance Voted to request the selectmen to withhold their approbation for licenses from all Retailers & Taverners in the present year -

Alms House Voted to instruct their Alms House Committee to visit alms houses in other towns for the purpose of procuring information on the subject & to put the buildings they have purchased in a proper state for the reception of the Town paupers & procure an agent to take the superintendence of the house when it shall come into possession of the Town
The Alms House Committee submitted a report of their doings which was by vote accepted & is on file -

Survey of the Town A committee to cause a survey of the Town to be made in pursuance of the late Law for that purpose -

Jury Box Voted to commit the list of names of persons presented by the selectmen for the Jury Box to Saml Thompson, Darius Miller, Wilkes Wood, Eben Pickett Nathl Staples which committee is to examine the same & report at adjournment of this meeting

Roads Chose W. Bourne, Seth Eaton & Luther Washburn to employ an agent to repair the road on the hill near the house of Eben Wilkes

Voted to indemnify Geo. W. Wood & the other petitioners for stationing the road & removing cross-roads Bridges for one half the expense which they will be liable to pay in case a petition shall not be granted

Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Alfred B. Dickinson Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 10th 1830

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being legally assembled in Town Meeting on the 10th day of May 1830 in pursuance of a warrant of which the following is a true copy
Vern - Plymouth ss. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough -

Greeting
In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & summon all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote for Representatives in the general Court, also in Town affairs to meet together at their Town House in P. Town on Saturday the fifteenth day of May instant at two of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following business

- 1 To choose an additional number of the Inhabitants of P. Town to represent P. Town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth if they shall see cause
- 2 To choose a Moderator -
- 3 To adopt such measures as shall be deemed advisable for building a Bridge across the great River at Rattles Dam -
- 4 To adopt measures for building a Bridge at near the first meadow Forge
- 5 To appropriate money for the support of schools in P. Town the present year -

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at or before P. Meeting

Given under our hands & seal this seventh day of May in the year eighth hundred & thirty -

Luther Washburn
Eben Thompson } Selectmen
Burr P. Wood } Middleborough

Plymouth ss. May 10 1830 By virtue of this warrant I have notified the within Inhabitants by posting up advertisements at their several meeting houses in P. Town -

Joseph Clarke P. Constable

1830

Town Meeting May 15th 1830 - Cont

May 15th Vote to pass over the first article in the warrant unanimously -

Chose Luther Washburn Moderator

Bridge at Pratt's Dam Chose Geo. W. Wood agent voted to instruct him to cause the part of the Bridge which is to be built by the Town at Pratt's Dam, to be done in the best & cheapest manner -

Bridge at Chose Capt. Eli Alvord agent for building a Bridge over the Fresh Meadow Forge voted to instruct him to assign the job of building a Bridge at said place to the lowest bidder -

School Money Voted to appropriate 1800 dollars to the use of Schools in Town the present year

Voted to Expence one third part of School money for the summer & two thirds of the same for the winter schools -

Voted to request the Committee to apportion the money among the several Districts according to their respective number of taxable polls in the same manner as it has heretofore been divided -

Voted to adjourn this meeting

Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

1830 May 15th The annual Fall Meeting for 1829 was taken up -

Doct. A. Thompson Moderator Voted to next meeting to be holden at this place at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

1830 May 15th The Annual March Meeting for 1830 was taken up -

Doct. A. Thompson Moderator & adjourned to the next annual Fall Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

1830 May 15th The annual April Meeting for 1830 was taken up -

Doct. A. Thompson Moderator being absent Chose Doct. A. Thompson Moderator & adjourned to next Town meeting to be holden at this place at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

1830 May 15th The Annual May Meeting for 1830 was taken up. Standing by the former Moderator being absent Chose Doct. A. Thompson Moderator - Voted to reconsider the vote passed at the meeting when in the Town voted to indemnify G. W. Wood for the removal of the wooden over bridge he in an application shall not be granted - Voted to adjourn to next annual meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Smith Town Clerk

1830

Town Meeting July 26th 1830

July 26th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town meeting on Monday the 26th day of July 1830, pursuant to a Warrant of which the following is a true copy, Viz - Plymouth ss. To any Constable of the Town of Middleboro' in P County -

Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in Middleborough on Monday the twenty sixth day of July inst. at four o'clock P.M. to act on the following business to wit:

- 1st To choose a Moderator -
- 2^d To see if P Town will petition the County Commissioners to alter the late location of the County Road, so called, thro' the Woburn part of P Town connecting two Highways laid out in Bristol County, so as to pass near the Dwelling Houses of Abel Smith, Joseph Bond, Ruth Bassett, Thomas Pickens & Caleb Smitham and thence to the Sycamore tree in the town of Plymouth & Bristol Counties - & petition for any other alteration in the same, & act thereon as they shall see cause -
- 3^d To determine what P Town will do in relation to an indictment against P Town for an alleged defect in the bridge near the Dwelling House of Nathaniel Shurtleff?

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant & of your doings thereon - Done at Middleborough this thirteenth day of July in the year 1830

Ruth Thompson
Luther Washburn
Andrew Perkins
Nathan Washburn
Doct. A. Thompson

Selectmen
of
Middleboro'

This Warrant was duly returned by Jos. Clarke Constable -

1830

Doings

County Road

Incidents

Town Meeting July 26th 1830
 Voice & Chas. Seth Miller Esq Moderator
 On the second Article in the Warrant Chose a Committee
 of five persons Viz- Doct Anna Thompson, Joshua Eddy,
 Seth Eaton, Seth Miller & J Stevens Esq with instructions
 to examine the road in question & if in their opinions it
 will be for the interest of the Town, to petition in behalf
 of P Town, to the County Commissioners for an alteration
 in the location of the P County Road - and to report their
 doings at the next Town Meeting
 On the Subject of the Petition Chas W. Wood Esq Agent
 with instructions to get clear of P interest in it & Reside
 adjourned to next town meeting to be
 holden at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

1830
 Sept 29

At the Annual Fall Meeting holden this day
 the Annual March meeting for 1830 was taken
 up pursuant to adjournment, Doct A Thompson
 Moderator & by vote adjourned to next T. Meeting
 holden in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

1830

Sept 29

At the annual Fall Meeting holden this day
 the Annual May Meeting for 1830 was taken up pursuant
 to adj- J Stevens Esq Moderator. - On the recommendation
 of the Committee to which was referred the list of names
 prepared by the Selectmen for the jury Box, it was voted
 that J Stevens be recommended to the Selectmen to be revised
 by them in conjunction with P Committee
 Voted that the Committee Chas W. Wood Esq to employ
 an agent to repair the Road on the hill near the house of Eliza
 Willis be instructed to examine the Road on the hill & the way
 near the Traphammer Shop of Eliza Willis & if they think
 proper, to cause further repairs to be done to P Road. & also
 to inquire into & report in relation to any injury P will have
 done by the erection of his Shop & claim
 adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

Eliza Willis
 Hill

1830

Sept 29

Annual Fall Meeting Sept 1830
 At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of
 Middleborough holden on the 29th day of September 1830
 pursuant to a warrant duly executed & returned of which
 the following is a true copy Viz-
 Plymouth J. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough
 in P County -
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabit-
 ants of P Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in
 Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House
 in P Town on Wednesday the Twenty ninth day of Sept-
 ber at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following business Viz-
 1st To choose a moderator -
 2^d To dispose of the privilege of taking the fish called
 Alewives the year ensuing at the several fishing places in
 P Town & act any thing thereon -
 3^d To choose a committee to see that the Alewives have
 a sufficient passage way up the streams in P Town the
 year ensuing -
 4th To see what the Town will do in relation to the
 constructing & making the road recently located by
 the County Commissioners in the Southwesterly part
 of the Town, which road is part of a new road leading
 from Taunton to New Bedford -
 5th To see if the Town will take measures to finish the
 Road recently located on the Petition of Geo Eddy within
 near the House of Mr. Bennett -
 6th To hear the request of Edward P. Perkins to be set off from
 School District No 1 & annexed to School District No 18 and
 act thereon as they may think proper -
 And if you have not made due return of this warrant & of your
 doings thereon at or before P Meeting - Given under our hands
 this thirtieth day of September in the year of our Lordy 1830
 and of the 37th of the said State -
 (Signed) Paul Thompson, Nathan Washburn, Thomas Hasling, Selectmen
 of Middleborough -
 I have summoned & warned the inhabitants of P Town qualified
 to attend & assist, to assemble at the time & place & for the purposes therein
 mentioned
 Southworth Esq. Constable

1830 Annual Meeting for 1830
 Sept 29th (Doc^t Thad Thompson was chosen Moderator
 Voted to adjourn till the first of the next Annual
 March Meeting -
 Chose Jacob Barrows Seth Eaton & Geo W Wood a
 Select Committee to see that the Stearns have
 sufficient passage way up the stream the ensuing year
 On the subject of the 4th Article in the warrant Chose a
 Committee of five persons Viz - Silas Briggs Josh^a Eddy
 Geo W Wood Nathl Staples & Abiel Washburn Voted to in-
 struct them to examine the subject of constructing the
 Road mentioned in 3rd Article & report at the next Town Meeting
 Voted to pass over the fifth Article -
 Voted to refer the request of Sam^l G. Perkins to the de-
 cision of the Selectmen -
 Voted to adjourn to next Town Meeting at 3 O'Clock P.M.
 Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk -

1830 Nov 1st At a Town Meeting holden Nov 1st 1830 the Annual
 March Meeting for 1830 was taken up (Doc^t Thompson
 Moderator & adjourned to next March Meeting at 3 O'Clock P.M.
 Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

1830 Nov 1st At a Town Meeting holden Nov 1st 1830 the Annual
 May Meeting was taken up J. Stearns Esq^r Moderator
 & adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 3 O'Clock -
 Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

1830 Nov 1st At a Town Meeting holden Nov 1st 1830 the Annual
 Fall Meeting for 1830 was taken up (Doc^t Thompson Mod-
 erator - The Committee chosen at 3rd Meeting on the subject
 of the Buck woods Road not being prepared to report the
 business was postponed to the next March Meeting -
 The Selectmen to whom was referred the subject of the petition
 of S. P. Perkins having no report to submit the subject was by
 vote passed over for the present - Adj^d to next Town Meeting
 at 2 O'Clock P.M. - Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

Representative to Congress 1830
 Nov 1st The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 at a legal meeting holden Nov 1st 1830 pursuant to a
 warrant for that purpose, of which the following is a
 true copy - Viz - Plymouth ss. To any Constable
 of the Town of Middleborough in P^r County - Greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants
 of P^r Town who are qualified to vote for Representatives in the
 General Court of this Commonwealth & all such
 as are qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet
 together at their Town House in P^r Town on Monday the first
 day of November next at one of the clock in the afternoon
 to act on the following business - viz -
 To give in their votes for some inhabitant of the
 Plymouth District who is legally qualified to represent
 P^r District in the next Congress of the United States -
 Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant & of your
 doings thereon at or before 8 time of meeting
 Given under our hands this 15th day of October in the
 year Eighteen Hundred & thirty -
 (Signed) Luther Washburn Selectmen
 Amos Haskins
 Benjamin P. Wood of Middleborough

Plymouth ss. Nov 1st 1830 By virtue of this warrant I have
 notified the Inhabitants of P^r Town by posting up notices at
 the several Meeting Houses - Joseph Clarke Constable
 gave in their votes for Representative to Congress as follows
 Viz For Thad Thompson Esq 86 votes
 " Hon W^m Baylies 59 "
 " Hon John Adams 56 "
 " John Ashaw Esq 3 "
 " Hon Eben Gay 2 "
 " Mr Levi Washburn 1 "
 " Geo W Wood 1 "
 " Isaac Stearns Esq 1 "
 Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting for 1831.

Mar 7 The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Seventh day of March 1831 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy: Vitz -

Warrant Plymouth ss. I, Henry Constable of the Town of Middleborough, in said County, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in the Elections of Town Officers & all such as are qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of March Next at twelve o'clock at noon, to act on the following business: Vitz

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator of said Meeting.

2 To Choose all Town officers required by Law to be chosen in the Month of March or April Annually.

3 To choose a committee to receive & allow accounts against said Town.

4 To raise such sum of Money as the Town may think proper for the repairs of the Highways in the Town & determine the time & manner in which the same shall be expended.

5 To see if the Town will authorize their Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions caused by snow in the several Districts in the manner the same might be done if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways for the present year.

6 To choose Inspectors of the Marine Fisheries.

7 To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & report the State of the Treasury.

8 To see if the Town will instruct the above Committee to procure from all their officers, authorize to order or receive money from the Treasury, an exact account of the same.

Annual March Meeting for 1831 Continued

for which the Town money has been expended for the past year & report the same at the next town meeting or act any thing thereon -

9 To determine the manner of collecting the Taxes to be assessed in said Town the present year & vote a compensation to the Treasurer.

10 To hear the report of the Selectmen in laying out or altering any road or roads & adopt the same or otherwise.

11 To allow demands against the Town & order payment.

12 To restrain meat cattle & horses from going at large the present year if they shall see cause.

13 To choose a pauper keeper.

14 To choose some person to keep the Key of the Town House.

15 To see what the Town will do in relation to repairing the "Old Mill" Bridge so called across the Nemasket River & straitening the way passing over the same & act thereon as the Town may think proper.

16 To see if the Town will authorize or instruct their Selectmen to comply with the request of several Surveyors of Highways & others by altering the limits or dividing their Districts as they may see cause.

17 To see what the Town will do in relation to compensating Capt. Seth Southworth for the loss of a Horse in consequence of the Bridge across the River near the house of John Smith being out of repair.

18 To see if the Town will cause a foot Bridge to be erected at Pratt's Corn so called.

19 To see if the Town will take measures for the repair of the Bridge - or for rebuilding the Bridge across the Bridgewater River & known by the name of Covingtons Bridge.

20 To take measures if the Town shall see cause for a new division of the Town into School Districts or for altering the limits of any of the School Districts.

21 To see if the Town will allow any compensation to Surveyors of Highways for labour performed the winter past in clearing the Highways of snow.

Hereof said note & make return of this Warrant & of your doings thereon, at or before said time of Meeting.

1831 Annual March Meeting Continued

Mary Warrant Given under our hands at Middleborough
of the said this fourteenth day of February in the
year Eighteen Hundred & thirty one.

(Signers) Luther Washburn
Nathan Washburn } Selectmen
Andrew Washburn }
Rud Thompson } Middleborough
Benj. P. Wood }

Petition Plymouth ss. March 14 1831 By virtue of this warrant
I have notified & warned all the inhabitants of the
Town of Middleborough qualified as within expressed
to meet at the time & place & for the purposes above
mentioned by posting notifications at several meeting
houses in & around.

Darius Miller Constable of Middleborough

Doing Vote by Ballot & made choice of Isaac Stevens Esq.
Moderator - the following persons were then
elected to the offices designated - viz.
Pelander Tinkham Clerk

Messrs. Bradford Warlow
Benj. P. Wood } Selectmen
Luther Washburn }
Andrew Washburn }
and Seth Eaton }

Vote to adjourn to the first Monday in April at 10 o'clock

1831. Mar 7 The Annual Fall Meeting for 1831 was taken up by Seth Thompson Moderator
Wrote to the selectmen of the Town of Middleborough & the selectmen of the Town of
the same as above. The same were to be taken up for 209 dollars
who offered for same were Nath. Bump & Mrs. Standish who were accepted
Selling Mill Stone to Asa Thomas for 200 dollars & Dan. Thomas & Seth Thompson
were accepted as above. Agreement Book to Sam. Ransomville for 422 dollars
William Ransom & Seth Eaton were accepted as above

Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.

31 Annual March Meeting by Day to April 4th

The annual March Meeting was taken up April 4th 1831
pursuant to adjournment - Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator
and proceeded in the choice of Town Officers.

Chose Foster Tinkham Treasurer & Collector
Constables Nathaniel Wilder Salmon M. Washburn
Joseph Clarke 3, Timothy M. Leonard, Jr. & Perkins
Darius Miller & Col. Southworth & Ellis

Surveyors of Highways

Elijah Hackett, John Fuller, Lech. M. Wilder
Andrew Thomas, George Thompson, Paul Hathaway
Sam. Shaw, Daniel Eaton, John Strabridge
Jacob Holma, Caleb Tinkham, Southworth & Ellis
Daniel Briggs, Phil. Southworth, Thos. Savory
Nathaniel Shurtliff 2, Benjamin Shaw, Silas
Thomas, Jonathan Cobb, Otis Soule, Cha. S. White
Abram Perkins, George H. Tinkham, Sumner
Hinds, Peter H. Pierce, Nathaniel Bump
Israel Wood & Jacob Leonard, Ira Shaw, Elias
Cushman 2, Thomas Wood, Ebenezer D. Sampson
Joseph Clarke 3, Ephus Shaw, Isaac Alden
Nathan Bennett, Nelson Wood, John Leonard Jr.
Earl Smith, Abishai J. Clarke, Bradford Warlow
John Freeman, Linus Benson, Elijah Shaw, Elisha
Sucker, Silas Pickens, Silas Pierce, Alonzo Benson
Francis Wood, Darius Darling, Samuel Hoar
Samuel S. Clarke, Josiah Bassett, Aba J. Winslow
& Caleb Bassett & was added to the usual number

Surveyors of Sumer

Levi Tinkham 2, James Spratt, Earl Search, Elisha
Pierce, Abishai J. Clarke, Bradford Warlow, Lech.
Shaw, Seth Eaton, Samuel Briggs, & Caleb
Alden -

* Excused

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Seneca Viewers & Field Drivers

William Shaw, Earl Thorne, John C. Perkins,
 Abram Perkins, Tho. S. Leonard, Isaac Thompson,
 Eli Williams, Earl Sears, Jonathan Standish,
 Apollon Washburn, William Harlow, David Wood,
 Nathl. Barrows, Seneca Thomas, David Alden,
 Earl Sprat, Tho. Perry, John Keith, Saml. Hoar,
 Joshua S. Baron, Abner Harvey, Geo. W. Wood,
 Alfred Thomas, James Leonard, Otis Pratt,
 Philander Sampson, Nathl. Rider, Eben. Ellis,
 George Barney, Calvin Finkham, Daniel
 Allen, Hopestill Bisbee, J. Isaac Wilbur, Nehem. Sherman

Tythingmen

George C. Leonard, Humphrey Alden, Gilbert Bath,
 Nathaniel Atwood, Moses Parris, Solomon White,
 Simeon Gammons

Wegreets

Ezra Sumner, Wilkes Wood, Nahum Keith,
 Nathan Sherman, Philander Washburn, Eben.
 Shaw, George Benson, Samuel Hoar, Silvanus
 Hinchley, Cha. Eaton, Caleb Allen

School Committee

Bradford Harlow, Benj. P. Wood, Sather-
 Washburn, Andrew Washburn, Seth Eaton

Prudential Committee of School Districts

Er. Smith, Amos Raymond, Salmon Caswell, Aaron Snow,
 Geo. W. Wood, Enos Finkham, William Shaw, Elazer Thomas,
 Branch Harlow, Matthew Caswell, Abiel Shortliff, L. M. Alden, Wm. C. Barrows,
 Abner Keith, Silas Harlow, Alden C. Bishop, Abel Pierce, Jno. C. Perkins,
 Eldon Richardson, L. R. Pratt, Tho. S. Finkham, Saml. Whit, Miss W.
 Southworth, Geo. Finkham, Jos. Kirkley, Salmon A. Washburn, Mrs. Allen, Mrs.
 Sampson, Geo. Williams, David Eaton, Geo. Finkham, Nathl. Hinchley, Nehem. Sherman,
 Timothy Alden, Seth Thompson, Isaac Finkham, Peter H. Pierce

1831 Annual March Meeting by Act

Inspection of the Heron Fishery

Parsonas G. Sampson, Silvanus Hinchley, Jacob S. Barnes,
 Albert Thomas, Ezra Chase, Abram Bryant, Jno. Hinchley,
 Abel Thomas, Darius Thomas, Seth Barden, Nathl. Bump,
 Daniel Thomas, Wm. Murdoch, Philander Sampson, Jas. D.
 Wilder, Saml. Rounsaville, Jno. C. Perkins

The above names are to serve at the expense of the proprietors
 of the fishing privilege & Eli Williams was chosen to serve
 at the expense of the town.

Committee on Accounts or Auditors

Abishai J. Clarke, Nathl. Staples, Geo. W. Wood,
 Beland Finkham, & Ethan Pierce

Overseers of the Poor

Seth Miller, Benjamin P. Wood, Nathl. Staples

Voted raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars by a tax to be
 paid in labour & materials in repairing the Highways in the
 present year, & that the same shall be expended in the same
 manner & the bills be committed to the several surveyors at the
 same time, they were last year.

Voted to authorize the surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions
 caused by snow in their several districts in the manner the same
 might be done if no money had been raised for the purpose of
 repairing the Highways for the present year.

Chose Samuel Thompson, Nathaniel Staples & Editha Clark
 a committee to settle with the Treasurer & report the state of
 the Treasury

Voted to instruct the above committee to procure from all
 their officers a voucher to order or draw money from
 the Treasury an exact account of all the items for which
 the Towns Money has been expended for the past year & report
 the same at the next Town Meeting

Voted that the taxes be collected in the same manner as they
 were the last year & that the same compensation be allowed
 to the Treasurer & Collectors

1831 Annual March Meeting by adjt. Continued

April 4. Voted to restrain next select men from going attending the Court year

Poundkeeper chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper & also to keep the key & have care of the Town House

S. Southworth L. Mansfield Tho. Wood & Seth Eaton were chosen a Com

Horse To ascertain if any & how much the Town ought to pay to Capt. Seth Southworth for the loss of his horse in consequence of the bridge near the house of Mr. Smith & being out of repair. & P Committee was instructed to inquire into & ascertain whether any individual is liable for the loss of S. Horse

Corvingtons Chose Geo. W. Wood, Solomon Thompson, & Wm. Barnes Bridge a Com^{tee} to examine & report the state of Corvingtons Bridge & what repairs are necessary to the same

Alteration Chose S. A. Thompson, Solomon White, Eliza Richmond School Districts Geo. W. Wood, Lemuel Fuller & Han Pierce & S. Thomas Stated a nt to hear the request of any School District for any alteration of their limits & report thereon

Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock
Attest R. Ten Wham Town Clerk

1831
Apr 4. The Annual Fall Meeting for 1830 was taken up & had Thompson Moderator - The subject of the article relating to the newly located Mackwoods Road was discussed but no order taken thereon & the Meeting was dissolved
Attest R. Ten Wham Town Clerk

Annual April Meeting for 1831

4 The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 5th day of April 1831 Pursuant to a warrant duly executed & returned, of which the following is a true copy

Whereas it is any constable of the Town of Middleborough in S. County In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to bring before all the inhabitants of S. County qualified to vote in Town or selectmen there adjourned to assemble & meet together at their selectmen's house in S. County on Monday the 5th day of April next at 10 o'clock A.M. to act on the following business Viz
To give their votes for Governor & Lt. Governor & the Commonwealth's Representatives or Councilmen for the County of Plymouth

Resolved a Resolution of P. Meeting
To raise such sum of money as shall be necessary for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses of P. from the present year & to appropriate the same to such uses as shall be deemed advisable when the money is raised shall be a matter of private the Treasury

1st To give in their votes for County Treasurer & Register & Assessors
2nd To hear the report of any Commissioner or Comptroller that they have been sworn by the State in any civil or criminal case

3rd To choose a Committee to settle with Saml. Wood on the expiration of his contract for the support of the poor
4th To consider & determine whether P. should take measures to purchase the land for the support of the poor or to purchase such tract of land as may be necessary for the support of the poor

5th To consider & determine whether P. should take measures to rebuild the bridge across the River near the schoolhouse or replace it with a foot bridge or a wooden bridge having over or any part of said River

6th To give in their votes for their names who they wish to be chosen for the Town of S. County for the year 1831 & to make return of the names of those chosen at or before P. time of Meeting. Given under our hands at Middleborough aforesaid this 5th day of March 1831 (Signed) Luther Washburn

Benjamin Wood } Selectmen
Andrew Washburn }
Seth Eaton } Middleborough
Bradford Washburn }

Whereas it is the duty of the selectmen of the Town of Middleborough to give notice of the time & place for the purpose of the Town Meeting by posting up notices thereof at the several meeting houses in said Town (Signed) Joseph Clarke & Constable of Middleborough

1831 Annual April Meeting by Capt to May 11th

Annual Tax Voted to raise by a tax on the polls & estates of inhabitants to amount to the sum of Five Thousand Dollars.

Schools Voted to appropriate the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars for the support of the town schools the present year.

1831 Voted that the proceedings in relation to assessing & collecting the tax be the same as were had last year.

ponor Voted that the part of the report of expenditures, presented by the Committee which relates to paupers, be referred to the Com. chosen at a former meeting to settle with Sam. Warren & that P. Com. be instructed to examine into the same & report what contribution has been made of money occasioned by other towns, or by demands on other towns or on the State for the support of paupers not inhabitants of this town & which has been paid out of the treasury to the order of the owners of the poor & is not accounted for by any thing in this report.

Adj. to next town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Mildred P. Vinton Town Clerk

1831 Annual March Meeting Cont by adj from Apr

May 11th The annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment the Moderator being absent where William T. Brown Moderator P.M. Israel Smith Jr was chosen surveyor of highways in the place of Sam. Brown who declined serving.

Ruben Hapgood was chosen Constable in place of Solomon M. Miskin who declined serving.

Chose John Shaw Surveyor of Highways in the place of W. Brown removed from the office.

Chose Isaac Perkins Surveyor of Highways in place of Mr. Fuller & chose John Perkins Surveyor of Highways in place of Mr. Perkins.

Voted to reconsider the vote passed at a former meeting to pass over the article relating to the Old Wier Passage & chose Thomas W. Weston.

Bridge Settle Miller & William T. Brown with instructions to examine the bridge & if in their opinion it is necessary they are authorized to make such arrangement as they think advisable for repairing or rebuilding the same.

1831 The Com on Beaumont Bridge made a report with it is on file.

Bridge Geo. W. Wood was chosen ag. to have said Bridge repaired in the next year. 1831

Annual May Meeting for 1831

The inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on Wednesday the Eleventh day of May 1831 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true copy - viz.

Plymouth pt To any Constable of the town of Middleborough in said County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Representatives in the general Court & in town affairs to assemble & meet together at three o'clock P.M. on Wednesday the eleventh day of May that at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following business viz.

1st To choose one or more of the inhabitants of P. town to represent P. town in the next general Court of this Commonwealth.

2d To give in their votes for or against the amendment to the constitution which has passed in the general Court & is submitted to the people for ratification.

3d To choose a Moderator.

4th To choose a committee to distribute Warrants to such persons as in their opinion ought to receive them gratis from the town.

5th To take into consideration the subject of the road recently located by the County Commissioners across the westerly part of the town commencing at a certain oak tree in the line of the town of Free town - thence passing the Baptist Meeting House to a certain oak tree in the line of the town of Taunton; & adopt measures for working the same - or for applying to the County Commissioners for a discontinuance or alteration of said road, or for an additional allowance from the County & for a longer time to work the same; or adopt measures to cause the proceedings of the Commissioners in locating the same to be quashed - as the town see cause.

6th If the town will purchase a lot of timber land with the purpose of selling the same to the town.

7th To see what within the town will take to work the road lately located over the land of Nathl. Shorttuff & vote thereon as the town shall see cause.

Warrant paid out & made return of this warrant with game duly shown at or before P. time of Meeting - Given under our hands this Eleventh day of April in the year 1831 - (Signed) - Seth Eaton, Benj. P. Wood, Luther Washburn.

Prosser H. Hapgood, James H. Hapgood, Selectmen & Sheriffs.

Plymouth 11 May 10th 1831 In testimony to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough qualified to vote for Representatives in the general Court & in town affairs to assemble & meet together at the time & place therein expressed without mentioning by saying or not mentioning at the Court all the business & Public & Private in P. town ending before the time of P. Meeting Nathl. Miller Constable of Middleborough.

Petition Public Schools, some of whom are compelled to travel long
 miles to their school houses. The prayer of this petition therefore
 is that a new school district be formed & established by your Hon-
 orable body laid out & bounded as follows: Commencing at a point
 on the southeasterly side of the road leading from Amos Ray-
 mond's dwelling house to Woods Pond, a few rods southerly from the
 dwelling house of David Vaughan late of Middleborough
 & now owned by David Cushman & occupied by Joseph Leach
 & Arthur Russell & - said point being at an obtuse angle
 in the stone wall where the dividing line crosses said road
 between P. David Cushman's land & David Wood's land -
 thence southeasterly in a straight line to a pear tree standing about
 one rod south easterly from the dwelling house formerly occupied
 by Isaac Bryant & now owned by Isaac Bryant Jr. - thence in a
 straight line northerly to a point where Patience Swamp Brook in-
 tersects an ancient dam in a meadow owned by Daniel Savory
 it being about 40 or 50 Rods Northeasterly from his dwelling house
 thence north westerly in a straight line to a point where the new road
 so called running from near Amos Raymond's house falls into the
 Plymouth road between the dwelling house of the late John King
 dec'd & the house called the Rider house now occupied by Ezekiel Bryant
 & Isaac Bryant - thence in a north westerly direction in a straight line
 to three apple trees growing from one stump about 4 Rods East
 from the corn house of James Tanner by the road side, thence
 westerly in a straight line to a point on the southerly side of the road
 leading from the Meeting house to the house of John Kettle - said point
 being where the westerly line of School District No 2 intersects P. Road
 thence southerly with P. line to the line of Woods Pond School District - (1)
 thence in a straight line to the bound first mentioned -
 All which is respectfully submitted by your petitioners. We
 assure duty bound, with ever pray -
 Middleboro' Mch 5th 1831 (Signed) by Amos Raymond & 20 Others

Report And the Com^{rs} report that they are of opinion that it is expedient to grant
 adopted P. Petition & that the line of P. No 2 District be the same as described in P. Pet.
 excepting an alteration to exclude from P. No 2 Dist the homestead farm of John
 Shaw & the farm lately owned by Capt David Vaughan dec'd
 The above report was by vote accepted & the Warrant for the next meeting 20th & 21st of Nov. 1831
 was accordingly issued & the Warrant for the next meeting 20th & 21st of Nov. 1831
 was accordingly issued & the Warrant for the next meeting 20th & 21st of Nov. 1831

School District No 38

Sept 26 The annual April meeting for 1831 was taken up pursuant to
 adjournment & David Thompson Moderator - and was by vote
 adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P. M.
 Attest Foster Tinkham Clk Pro Tem.
 A true copy from the original Minutes.
 Attest R. B. Tinkham Town Clerk

Annual Fall Meeting for 1831

Sept 26 The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assem-
 bled in Town Meeting on Monday the 26th day of September 1831
 pursuant to a warrant duly executed & returned of which the
 following is a true copy Viz -

Plymouth ss. To any constable of the Town of Middleborough in
 said County - Greeting - In the name of the Commonwealth of Massa-
 chusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants
 of P. Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to appear & meet together
 at their Town House in P. Town on Monday the 26th day of September
 instant at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following business Viz -

- 1st To choose a Moderator of P. Meeting
- 2nd To dispose of the privilege of taking the fish called the wicks at the
 several fishing places in P. Town the year ensuing upon such terms
 & conditions as the Town shall see cause.
- 3rd To choose a Committee to sustain the fish called allwives have
 a convenient passage through the dams the year ensuing -
- 4th To choose a Committee to assist the assessors in completing
 the valuation of the taxable estate in P. Town
- 5th To hear the request of John Perry & others to discontinue
 the Town Road leading from the dwelling house of
 Pelham E. Gibbs to the public Highway & rat thereon
- 6th To determine whether School District No 23 in P. Town
 shall build a School House, and raise such sum of money
 to be applied upon the polls & taxable estate of P. District
 for the purpose of building a School House as the Town shall
 see cause -
- 7th To determine whether the Town will purchase or hire seats
 for the Town paupers in the Methodist Meeting House -

1831 Annual Fall Meeting for 1831 Cont

Sept 26 Art 8th To adopt measures for repairing the roof of the Town house
Warrant
cont^d
Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant &
of your doings thereon - on or before 2^d time of Meeting
dated at Middleborough the twentieth day of September
in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred thirty one
(Signed) Luther Washburn

Andrew Washburn } Select men
Benj. P. Wood } Middleborough
Bradford Wardlaw }

Return Plymouth St. Sept 19th 1831 The virtue of this warrant I have
notified the inhabitants of S. Jacson to meet at the time & place
for the purposes within named by putting up notifications
thereof at the several Meetinghouses in S. Jacson
(Signed) John C. Perkins Constable of Middleboro
Chose Foster Tinkham Clerk pro tem. (The clerk being absent
who was duly sworn before Isaac Stevens Esq.)

Art. 1st Chose Doct. Isaac Thompson Moderator
Art. 2^d Voted that when the privilege of taking the Fish at the several
fishing places is sold, it be disposed of on the same terms &
conditions that it was last year
Voted that the privilege of taking the Fish be sold at the next
Jacson Meeting

Art. 3 Voted to pass over this article
Art. 4 Voted to pass over this article
Art. 5 Voted that the subject of this article be referred to a com^{tee} of
three persons & that Abishai B. Clarke Wilkes Wood
and Lieut. Eddy Esq. be that committee

Art. 6th Voted that the Town raise the sum of Two Hundred Dollars
to be a loan on the 1844 & Estates of School District No 23
to be a appropriation to the purpose of building a school
house for the use of S. District
Chose Capt. Linus Washburn Seth Eaton & Andrew Weston
a committee to proceed & build a school house in S. District
District No 23 -

Voted to instruct the Overseers of the Poor to provide seats in the Meetinghouse
for the use of the paupers for the year

It is
sent for the
purpose of
meeting
on the house

1831 Annual Fall Meeting for 1831

Sept 26 Art 8th Voted & chose Daniel Whiggs agent to repair the
Town House -
Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
(Signed) Foster Tinkham Clerk pro tem.
Copied from the original Minutes by R. Tinkham Town Clerk

Nov 14 The Annual Fall Meeting for 1831 was taken up
Doct. A. Thompson Moderator & adjourned to the next
Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

Nov 14 The Annual April Meeting for 1831 was taken up
Doct. A. Thompson Moderator and adjourned to the next
Town meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

Nov 14 The Annual March Meeting for 1831 was taken up
S. Stevens Esq. Moderator
It was voted that it was necessary for the Town to have
a measurer of wood & bark and Abel Wood was
chosen for that office
The Meeting was then adjourned to next Town meeting
at 2 o'clock P.M. - Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

Nov 14 The Annual May meeting for 1831 was taken up
The Moderator being absent, Chose S. Stevens Esq. Moderator
& the Meeting was adjourned to the next Town Meeting
at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest R. Tinkham Town Clerk

1831 Governor Senators & Representatives Meeting

Nov. 14 The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough duly assembled in Town Meeting On Monday the fourteenth day of Nov. 1831 pursuant to a warrant duly executed & returned of which the following is a true copy viz-

Warrant Plymouth ss. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in P County Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants of P Town qualified to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor, Senators & Representatives & all such as are qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble & meet together at their Town House in P Town on Monday the fourteenth day of November next at 10 o'clock A.M. to act on the following business viz-

- Art. 1 To give in their votes for Governor & Lieut. Governor of the Commonwealth & two Senators for the County of Plymouth
- Art. 2 To choose one or more of the inhabitants of P Town to represent P Town in the next general sess of this Commonwealth
- Art. 3 To do what the Town will do relative to a petition of Edward Simmons & others to the General Court for an extension of the fishing privileges in Berkley & act any thing therein as the Town shall see fit
- Art. 4 To let if P Town will instruct their Representative or Representatives in relation to the proposed alteration of the Constitution of this Commonwealth & act thereon as they see cause - Given under our hands & Seal at Middleborough Oct. 13th 1831

Return Plymouth ss. Nov. 14th 1831 Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough therein described to assemble & meet together at the time & place for the purposes therein named by putting up notifications thereof together with an attested copy of P Warrant at each of the several Public Meeting houses in P Town fourteen days before the time set for P Meeting for Nathaniel Wilder Constable of Middleborough

1831 November Meeting Continued

Nov. 14 Gave in their votes for Governor Lieut. Governor & Senators which being sorted, counted, recorded & sealed up & declaration thereof made as by the Constitution is directed in then Town Meeting - were for the following persons viz-

Hon. Marcus Morton	171 votes	for Governor
Hon. Levi Lincoln	103	
Hon. Samuel Lathrop	54	
Hon. John Mills	16	
Hon. Thos. S. Winthrop	156	for Lieut. Governor
S. T. S. Kelder	1	
Hon. Benjamin Ellis	286 votes	
Hon. Samuel A. Turner	236	
Col. John B. Turner	57	
Nathan Lazell & Esq.	56	
Gershom B. Weston Esq.	26	for Senators
Wm. Bourne	1	
S. Eaton	1	
John Turner	1	
Gershom Weston	1	

Art. 2 The Town then voted to send six Representatives to the General Court the ensuing political year - Voted by ballot & made choice of the following persons for P Representatives viz Luther Washburn, Nathl. Staples, Roland Sinkham, Benjamin P. Wood, Bradford Harlow & Lisdale Lincoln

Art. 3 Voted to instruct P Representatives to oppose the petition of Edward Simmons & others to the General Court for an extension of the fishing privileges in the Town of Berkley

Art. 4 Voted 50 to 14 - To instruct their Representatives to oppose the passage of the alteration of the Constitution or if passed the last General Court - Voted to instruct their Representatives to use their efforts to procure an alteration in the Constitution which shall secure the whole number of Representatives as low as 200 when brought to equality - The Motion was then withdrawn

on the 3rd of November next - The Motion was then withdrawn - M. B. Sinkham Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting for 1832

Mar 5th The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 5th day of March 1832 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned, of which the following is a true copy.

Warrant

Plymouth ss. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in D. County, Greeting, In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of D. Town qualified to vote in the Election of Town Officers, and all such as are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet together at their Town house in D. Town on Monday the fifth day of March next, at twelve o'clock at noon to act on the following business - Viz -

Article 1st To Choose a Moderator of D. Elections

- 1 To choose all Town Officers required by law to be chosen in the month of March or April annually.
- 2 To choose a Committee to receive and allow accounts against the Town -
- 3 To raise a sum of money as the Town may think proper for the repairs of the Highways in the Town, and determine the time and manner in which the same shall be repaid.
- 4 To see if the Town will authorize the Surveyors of highways to receive contributions occasioned by snow, in the manner the same might be done, if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the highways the present year -
- 5 To cause inspection of the New River Fishery
- 6 To choose a Committee to settle with their Deeds and receive the stock of the Library
- 7 To determine the manner of collecting the taxes to be assessed in D. Town the next year, & to vote as compensation to their Treasurer.
- 8 To hear the report of the Selectmen, on laying out, or settling

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- any road or roads, & adopt the same, or otherwise
 - 10 To allow demands against the Town & order payment, as they shall see cause
 - 11 To restrain neat cattle & horses from going to large the present year, if they shall see cause
 - 12 To choose a Poundkeeper
 - 13 To choose some person to keep the key of the Town house
 - 14 To hear the request of Nathan Washburn in relation to a new located road leading from the house of Barnabas Eaton, to the Store of Gamaliel Rounseville
 - 15 To see what further measures, if any, the Town may see fit respecting the County Road, laid out from S. Bedford to Chauntan, and passing through the so called of this Town, & to take such & efficient measures to be made in the partition thereof that passes through their town, if made, as shall see fit, and act any thing in relation thereto.
 - 16 To satisfy the choice of a Prudential Committee, made by District No 2, if the Town shall see cause
 - 17 To see if the Town will take any measures to improve the highways, by encouraging the introduction of broad wheel wheels
 - 18 To see if the Town will take measures to procure a suitable person, to keep the Town House.
- Hereof fail not, and make return of this warrant, & of your doings thereon, at, or before the time of D. meeting given above our hands at Middleborough, this Thirtieth day of February, in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty-two

(Signed) Seth Eaton

Nathan Washburn

Andrew Washburn

Selectmen

Witness

Plymouth ss. Mar 5th 1832 In obedience to the duty of this warrant, I have notified & warned all the inhabitants of Middleborough in D. County, qualified to vote in the Election of Town Officers, & all such as are qualified to vote in

Annual March Meeting for 1832 Continued

Return Town affairs, to assemble & meet together at the town & place
for the purpose in & warrant required, by posting
its notifications, together with an attested copy of
warrant, at each of the several houses of public
worship in town, two Sundays previous to the
time of meeting

(Signed) Nathl. Wilder } Constable
of Middlebury

The clerk being absent, voted by Ballot, and made
choice of S. Sinkham clerk Pro Tem.

Voted by ballot & made choice of Isaac Stevens Esq.
Moderator. The following persons were then elected to the
offices designated. Viz.

Clerk S. Sinkham Clerk

Assessors Bradford Harlow }
Benj. Wood }
Ethan Pierce } Selectmen
Andrew Perkins }
Seth Eaton }

Treasurer & Collector
S. Sinkham

Constables

Nathaniel Wilder, Hiram Harvey, Joseph Clark,
George Barney, John C. Perkins, Abishai S. Clark,
& Ch. Southworth Ellis.

Surveyors of Highways

Joseph Barker, Gamaliel Fuller, Samuel Keith,
Lothrop Thomas, George Thompson, Jacob Perkins,
Cnech Drake, Williams Eaton, Enos Parris, &
Leonard, George Williams, Jr Joshua Eddy Jr, Job P. Nelson,
Job Parris, Amos Raymond, Nathaniel Shurtleff, Stephen
Silson, Eliot Wood, Moses Thomas, Lewis Lewis,
Dexter Murdock Jr, Parmenas P. Sampson, George H.
Sinkham, Ezra McCully, Albert Thomas,

x Excused

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Nathaniel Bump, George Cobb, Daniel Warren,
John Keith, Thomas Lovell, Thomas Reed, Isaac
Nashburn, Brad Thompson, Winslow Thomas,
Solomon White, Nathan Bennett, Nelson Wood,
Jonathan Leonard Jr, Merton Freeman, Nathan
Shearman, Bradford Harlow, William Stodd
Ezra Maxham, William Cornish Jr, Wm. H. Leonard
Nattu Pickens Jr, George Hear, Joshua LeBaron
Otis Perry, Hanson Darling, Samuel Hear,
Saml. S. Clarke, Josiah Baker, Isaac H. Winslow,
& Caleb Bassett Jr.

Surveyors of Tumber

Levi Sinkham Jr, James Sprout, Earl Sears Jr,
Elisha Pierce, Abishai S. Clark, George Wood,
James A. Perkins, Seth Eaton, Samuel Briggs
& Caleb Alden,

Field Drivers & Fence Viewers

Ransom S. Wood, Silvanus Winchby, Harvey
Sinkham, Joseph Bump, Lemuel Bourne, Jacob Thompson,
Eli Williams, Earl Sears, Abraham Perkins, Apollis Perkins,
William Harlow, David Reed, Abishai S. Clark,
Lothrop Thomas, Samuel White, Erasmus Littlejohn,
Isaac H. Winslow, Bennett Darling, Oliver Pierce,
Nathaniel Rider, Job Hear, Caleb Alden, Alfred
Thomas, George H. Wood, Jonathan Leonard, Philander
Sampson, Ebenezer Ellis, Samuel Cole, Chas Jones,
Nahum Keith, Otis Perry, Jason Willar, Willard Clark,
Daniel Vaughan & Brad Thresher -

Nothing more

Geo. Leonard, Humphrey Dean, Gilbert Booth, Nathl. H. Wood,
Amos Parris & Parmenas Eaton & Chipman Rider.

x Excused

Hoover

Ezra Lumbard, Milkes Wood, Nahum Keith Char-
 Jones, Nathan Thomas, Levi Raymond, Lethrop
 Thomas, Samuel Hovey, Silvanus Hinckley, Ma-
 nassah Robbins, & Caleb Alden.

Prudential Committee of School District

His Sonle, Lincoln Staples, Amasa Thompson, East
Bourne, Cephas Thompson, Thomas Washburn, Ransom
T. Wood, Harvey C. Thomas, Lathrop Thomas, Winslow Thomas
Ansel Smith, Consider Benson, Gamaliel Fuller Jr, Cap
Jacob Thomas, Joseph Barker Davis Thomas, Samuel
Marlow, Abel Pierce*, Calvin, Murdock, Jared Alden,
Daniel Alden, Samuel Miller, Samuel White, Job
Job Pierce, Ebenezer Strobridge, Joseph Sherbolly,
Lebanon Canedy, Ethan Pelee, Ebenezer Sampson
Samuel Keith, Enos Eaton, Christopher Tompkins
Gideon Washburn*, Schabed Reed, Gideon Macomber,
Jacob Thompson, Isaac Stevens, Isaac Lyon, Alden Ray

Inspectors of Marine Fisheries

Elizah Alden, and Jared Alden were chosen to serve
at the expense of the purchasers.

Jonathan Standish offered to serve gratuitously, & was chosen
Wm. H. Cuckley, Robert Thomas, Silas Briggs, Parmenas
& Sampson, William Murdock & John C. Perkins were
chosen to serve at the expense of the town -

Committee on accounts, or Auditors

Wishai T. Clark, William Bourne, Paul Hathaway,
Amos Nashburn, William Nelson, Samuel Thompson
& Geo. Pierce

Resolved to raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, by a tax, to be paid in labour & materials, in repairing the highways the present year, & that the same shall be extended in the same manner, & the bills be committed to the several Surveyors, at the same time that they were last year.

Resolved To authorise the Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions
occasional to snow in the manner the same same might be done
if no money had been raised for repairing the highways the next year

Chose William Bourne, Cam. Rouseville & Nathan Haslam
a committee to settle with the Brethren & report the state of the society

Volra that the votes be collected in the same manner that they were last year and that their Treasurer's collector be allowed fifty Cents for his services.

Noted to restrain next cattle & horses from going at large the present year.

Whose Benjamin Thompson I have the care of
the town house & to keep the key of the same—

Chose William Bourne, Geo. H. Wood & Nathan Nashburn, a Com-
mittee to examine the road referred to, in Nathan Nashburns
request, ^{and} what alteration, if any, it is judged ^{to} be made in P road.

Noted & postponed acting on the article relating to the Beach Woods until next meeting.

Coltd to pass over the article relating to the introduction of small
rimmed wheels.

Chas. William Moore, Elias Perkins & Thos. Washburn a committee
to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Fair during
the ensuing year -

Noted. That the donors of the poor, be required to make a full & explicit report of all their doings relative to the support of -
poor as the past year at the next Ann. Meeting.

• Self-journal to 1st Monday in April at Sedalia, Mo.

Alfred W. Buchanan March 6th

March 5th 1832 The annual Fall meeting was taken up pursuant to adj. Doct A Thompson Moderator held & reconsidered the vote wherein the town voted, that when the privilege of taking the fish at the several fishing places is sold, it be disposed of on the same terms and conditions, that it was last year.

Conditions of the Sale of the Fishery. Voted that the several fishing privileges in town be sold at auction first separately, then collectively, & the sale in which they fetch most, to be considered the final, & true one; and that they be sold on the following conditions, viz. The purchaser may sell the fish taken for such sums as they will fetch, excepting that no fish be delivered to persons by order of the town, shall be taken at a price not exceeding 35¢ a hundred; that the purchaser to bear the expense of inspecting the river, and of the land used in fishing, and the purchase money to be paid on the 30th of June next, and to give note with sureties for the payment.

Chose Am Bourne Auctioneer who proceeded to sell the fishing privileges on the above conditions. The fishing mill privilege was sold to Jonathan Standish for \$244.00. Old Lake sold to Abraham Bryant for 263.00. Pawamut Brook to Samuel Rounseville for 93.00. The privileges were then sold collectively to Elijah Alden for 562.00. The last consequently for Doct Thompson & Peter H. Pease were offered & accepted as surety.

Adj. to next Town Meeting 3rd week of Oct. Next at Southwam 10th.

1st. The annual March Meeting was taken up April 2nd 1832, pursuant to adjournment. S. Stevens Esq. Moderator and proceeded in the choice of Town Officers.

School Agents

Chose Nathaniel Eddy School Agent in District No. 2. Deak. Ashley School agent in the room of Gideon Washburn who was excused from serving. Silvanus Barnes instead of Isaac Lyon, excused. Nathaniel Barrows, instead of Abel Pierce, excused.

Inspectors of Highways

Chose Nath. Hackett, instead of Abiel Bond, who was excused from serving. James Bump, instead of Geo. B. Sturkham excused. Elisha Pierce, instead of Moses Thomas excused. Nathaniel Mearns, instead of Joseph Barker excused. Nathaniel Shurtleff 2d instead of Nath. Shurtleff excused. Elijah Alden, instead of Solomon White excused.

Whereway Committee

Chose Seth Eaton, Saml Rounseville & Jacob Barrows, a com. to see that the fish have a good convenient passage up the river, and the above com. was instructed to vote, but that a sufficient passage was opened through all the dams and obstructions between the Pond & the Salt water. Voted, that Inspectors of the Fishery take the same care and use the same precautions for enforcing the laws for protecting the fishery, that the owners of the privileges in this town have heretofore done.

Chose Paul Eaton, Jacob L. Barrows, Benj. Warren, James Bump Jr. Thomas Milder & Francis Eaton Esq. Chose & Jacob Thompson inspectors of Fishery - to serve at the expense of the purchasers. Voted to accept the Report of the assessors of the Poor, which Report is on file.

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School Committee.

School Chase Bradford Hartou, Benj. P. Wood, Ethan Peirce
Committee Seth Eaton & Emich Washburn. The School Com. for the ensuing
year -

OVERSEERS of the Poor.

Overseers of the Poor Chase Seth. Miller, Benj. P. Wood, & Nath. Staples
overseers of the Poor -

Resolved to authorise the Overseers of the Poor to contract, sometime
during the present year, with some suitable person, to take charge
of the Almshouse, for the year 1833 -

The committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer & report the state
of the Treasury, made the following report, which was, by vote, accepted -

Report of	Your Committee find a balance in the hands of the	
Com. to	Treas. of	\$1053.22
Settle with	Balance of Sares for 1832	108.51
Almshouse	Note vs. G. Rounsaville on date from Jan. 30 th 1831	42.00
	do vs. Elijah. Alden & others	662.00
	Balance on Tax bills 1831	674.91
	But due from S. Stevens Esq.	11.37
	Amount of funds in the hands of Treas.	\$2552.01

The Committee chosen on the 5th of March last, to examine the
report of road referred to in a request of Nathan Washburn, & ascertain
what alteration, if any it is proper to make in S^d road, made
the following report - which was, by vote accepted -
Your Committee having taken a view of S^d road, find about
sixty four rods, now traversed off of the road, as located by the
Selectmen some eight or ten years since, about fifty rods of
which is through woods, & fourteen rods through a cleared
field, the whole length of the road being about 120 rods, ought
to be widened on the old in many places. Your Committee es-
timate the expense of making the new & widening the old portion
of S^d road, at about one thousand Dollars,

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Your Committee recommend that the Town pay fifty Dollars towards
defraying the expense of making S^d road, providing the
District will make S^d road with that assistance the present
Season -

Vote, That the sum of fifty Dollars, named in the above report,
be not drawn from the Treas. until S^d road is made, and ac-
cepted by the Selectmen -

Vote to pass over the article relating to the Berea road -
Chase, Nicholas Wood, Levi Peirce & Silas Pickens a commit-
tee, to confer with Committees of other Towns & Corporations on
the road leading from New Bedford to Boston, & determine
what measures it is advisable to adopt, to encourage the use of
Broad rimmed Wheels, on S^d road, and report at a future
meeting -

Adjourned to next Meeting Dec. 2nd. P.M.

Wm. Foster Scribeham Sec. Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday, the 2 day of April A. D. 1832, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned, of which the following is a true copy. Viz.

Plymouth Co. To any Constable in the Town of Middletown in D. County

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet together at their Town house in D. Middletown on Monday the second day of April next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following business. Viz.

- Article 1. To raise such sum of money as shall be necessary for the purpose of defraying the necessary charges & expenses of D. Town, the present year, & appropriate the same to such uses as shall be deemed advisable, & direct when the money shall be assessed and paid into the Treasury.
- Art. 2. To see what measures the Town will adopt in relation to the disposal of the maps of the Town, which have been procured, and act anything relative thereto, as they shall see cause.
- Art. 3. To hear the report of the Assessors of the Poor, & also of any other committees, and act anything in relation thereto.
- Art. 4. To hear the request of Geo. H. Wood, relative to the new bridge at Patis Dam, & give him further instructions if they see cause.
- Art. 5. To choose a committee to see that the Fish called Alewives have a convenient passage through the Dams the year ensuing.
- Art. 6. To give in their votes for County Treas.

Given under our hand and seal at Middletown this 21st. 1832

(Signed) Seth Eaton }
Benj. P. Wood } Setoutmen
Bradford Hurlow } of
Middletown

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have duly notified the Inhabitants of D. Town, qualified as within mentioned, to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes within mentioned.

March 21th 1832

(Signed) Nathaniel Wilder Constable

Art. 1. Voted to raise the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars by a Tax on the polls & estates of the Inhabitants to defray the expenses of the current year.

Voted to appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars to the support of the Town Schools the present year.

Voted that the tax be raised & collected at the same time, & the same manner as made for each payment, at last year.

Art. 2. Voted, at the request of the Committee appointed to consider a survey of the Town to be made - That the Town assume the contract made by D. Committee for the publication of two maps of this Town, & that D. Maps be placed in the hands of the Treasurer & that they be sold by him for twenty-five cents each, & the proceeds placed in the Treasury.

Art. 3. We vote papers relating to this article.

Art. 4. On the statement of Geo. H. Wood, the capt. for building the bridge at Patis Dam, that the sum of Three Hundred Dollars which he had contracted to pay Jacob Thompson for building D. bridge, was insufficient to complete the same, Voted, that the S. Ward be authorized to raise a sum, not exceeding thirty five Dollars from the Treasury for the purpose of completing D. bridge, and that J. Thompson be held responsible to the Town for such sum as he may receive exceeding Three Hundred Dollars for building D. bridge.

Art. 5. Nothing done with this article.

Art. 6. Gave in their votes for County Treasurer, and Register Cotton Ege had 9 votes.

The meeting was then by vote dissolved.

Attest J. Hinkham Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting, on Monday, the Twenty-eighth day of May A.D. 1832, pursuant to a Warrant, of which the following is a true copy

Warrant Plymouth sp. To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in D County - Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet together at their Town House, in said Town, on Monday the Twenty-eighth day of May instant, at four o'clock P.M.

To take into consideration the subject of the location of a Highway over the Great River, at Woodward's Bridge, by the County Commissioners, & appoint an Agent, or Agents to represent the interests of the Town, in relation to the same, before said Commissioners.

Hereof fail not, & make due return of this Warrant, & of your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk before said Meeting.

Dated at Middleboro' this fourteenth day of May A.D. 1832

(Signed) Benjⁿ P. Wood } Selectmen
Seth Eaton } of
Ethan Peirce } Middleborough

Spring Plymouth sp. Middleborough, May 28th 1832

Warrant Pursuant to the within warrants, I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town, by posting up attested copies of said Warrant at the several Meeting houses in said Town (signed) Jno. C. Perkins } Constable
Chose Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator.

Drudge Also to choose two Agents to represent the interest of the Town, before the County Commissioners, respecting the location of the Highway named in the above Warrant - Wilkes Wood Esq. & Geo. W. Wood were chosen.
Corn Voted to dissolve the Meeting - Attest E. Tenham Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday, the Eighth day of October A.D. 1832, pursuant to a Warrant, of which the following is a true copy.

Plymouth sp. To any Constable in the Town of Middleboro' in said County - Greeting

Warrant In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble and meet together at their Town House in said Town, on Monday the Eighth day of October next at 2 o'clock P.M. to act on the following Resolutions viz -

Art 1st To choose a Moderator of said Meeting.

Art 2d To see what measures it is best to adopt in relation to building a Bridge, near Woodward's Bridge, recently located by the County Commissioners, & act anything therein as they shall see cause.

Art 3 To dispose of the Privilege of taking the Fish called Alewives, at the several fishing places in said Town the year ensuing, upon such terms & conditions as the Town shall see cause.

Art 4 To choose a committee to see that the Fish called Alewives, have a convenient passage through the several Dams, the ensuing year -

Art 5 To consider the request of Joseph Hense, that he may be set off from the school District to which he now belongs, and annexed to that of Jacob Thomas 2 -

Hereof fail not - and make due return of this warrant, and of your doings thereon, on or before the said Meeting. Dated at Middleborough this Tenth day of September, in the year 1832.

Seth Eaton } Selectmen
Bradford Harlow } of
Andrew Hawthorn }
Benjⁿ P. Wood } Middleborough
Ethan Peirce }

Warrant Plymouth sp. Sep 24th 1832 By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town to meet together as within directed, by posting up notices at the several Meeting houses in said Town - Joseph Clark 3, Constable

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Town Meeting, Oct. 8th. Continued -

Art. 1st Chose Zechariah Eddy Esq. Moderator
Art. 2 Voted To choose a Committee of three persons, to confer with such Agents, or Committee as the Town of Bridgewater may appoint, and to have authority to make a contract with some suitable person, for building that part of the highway near Woodwards Bridge, which has been recently located within this Town, & also to build that part of the Bridge which the Town are required, by the order of the County Commissioners, to build; the whole to be done in the manner required by said order -

Milnes Wood Esq. Bradford Harlow, & Geo. H. Wood were chosen as the above Committee -

Art. 3 Voted To choose a committee to take into consideration the best manner of disposing of the Fishing Privileges, and report at the next meeting, - and

Milnes Wood, Seth Eaton, Gamaliel Rouseville, Abner Barrows, & Jacob Barrows, were chosen -

Art. 4th Passed over this article -

Art. 5th Voted, that the subject of Joseph Moses's Petition, be referred to the Selectmen, who shall report what attention, if any, it is expedient to make in the boundaries of the School District, to which S. Morse belongs, at a future meeting

Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Josiah Litcham Town Clerk

Oct 8th 1832 The annual March Meeting, for 1832 was taken up.

The Moderator being absent, Chose Zeck. Eddy Moderator,
Chose Abiel Wood, Measures of Wood -

Adjourned to next Town Meeting 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest S. Litcham Town Clerk

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Meeting for Chiof Gov. Lieut Gov. Sen. & Rep. & Electors President & Vice President

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, at a legal meeting holden on the 12th. day of Nov. A. D. 1832, pursuant to a warrant for this purpose duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true copy -

To any Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify & warn all the ~~inhabitants~~ qualified voters of said Town to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town, on Morning the twelfth day of November next at Ten o'clock A.M. to act on the following business -

1st To give in their votes for fourteen Electors of President & Vice President of the United States, one at least of whom must be an Inhabitant of each Congressional District -

2nd To give in their votes for Governor & Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, & two Senators or Councillors for the County of Plymouth -

3rd To choose one or more of the Inhabitants of said Town to represent said Town in the next General Court of this Commonwealth -

Under fail, not to make any return of this warrant & of your doing thereon on or before said day of Meeting - Given under our hands at S. Middleborough this Twenty fourth day of October in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty-two -

(Signed)

Seth Eaton }
Bradford Harlow }
Benjamin S. Wood }
Middleborough

Middleborough Oct 26th 1832 Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned -

(Signed)

Southworth Esq. Constable -

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #97
TOWN RECORDS 1832-1835, 9:178-237 Holbrook

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Electors of President & Vice President, which being sorted & counted were as follows;

	Votes		Votes
at Large Nathan Willis	199	at Large Charles Jackson	121
Suffolk Charles Hoard	199	Suffolk Thomas S. Perkins	121
Middlesex Eliphalet Case	199	Essex S. Gideon Bartow	121
Norfolk Ebenezer Seaver	199	Essex N. Ebenezer Mosely	121
Plymouth Peter W. Pease	198	Middlesex Nathan Brooks	121
Hampden William M. Thompson	199	Hampden S. Aaron Tuttle	121
Hampden N. Charles Sibley	199	Hampden N. Samuel Lee	121
Electors of President		Hampden P. Richard Cheney	199
Essex Nath. Almas Hayes	199	Hampden James Rogers	121
Essex South John Moriarty	199	Berkshire Henry Shaw	121
Berkshire Phineas Allen	199	Suffolk James Richardson	121
Berkshire Poley Barton	199	Plymouth Jotham Lincoln	120
Bristol John W. Williams	199	Bristol Cornelius Grinnell	119
Barre Samuel Minson	199	Barre Nathaniel Weston	116
at Large John D. Williams	109	Hampden John Chaffee	109
Suffolk Jacob Hall	109	Berkshire Orr Stebbins	109
Norfolk John Bailey	109	Berkshire Benjamin Hattell	109
Bristol Joseph Ricketson	109	Plymouth Lechman Eddy	108
Essex South William P. Brewer	109	Hampden P. Henry Merrick	109
Essex M. Thomas Payson	109	Hampden N. Stephen P. Gardner	109
Middlesex Benjamin Hyman	109	Berkshire James W. Robbins	109

Then gave in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Senators, which being sorted and counted, were as follows:

Hon. Marcus Morton	had 255 votes	
Hon. Ex. Levi Lincoln	137	For Governor
Hon. Samuel Lathrop	104	
Hon. John Mills	254	
Hon. Samuel A. Armstrong	138	For Lieut. Governor
Hon. Timothy Butler	102	

Jedediah Lincoln	had 252 votes
Reuben Finkham	252
Antemas Hoar	136
Gershom B. Weston	135
Nathan Sarell	106
John B. Turner	105
Foster Finkham	1

For Senators

The said inhabitants then voted to choose six Representatives to represent the Town in the next General Court. Voted by ballot and made choice of following persons as Representatives. Viz-

- Bradford Harlow
- Benjamin P. Wood
- Ethan Peirce
- Ephraim Leach
- Luther Muddock
- John Perkins

The whole number of votes given in, & the persons for whom given, being as follows, viz-

Bradford Harlow	had 255 votes	Martin Keith	had 79 votes
Benjamin P. Wood	248	Latta Fickens Jr	80
Ethan Peirce	249	Jonathan Cobb	90
Ephraim Leach	246	Horatio G. Wood	80
Luther Muddock	253	Andrew Haskins	89
John Perkins	256	Seth Eaton	1
Luther Washburn	104	Silas Briggs	8
Nathaniel Staples	108	Nathaniel Eddy	1
Seth Miller	97	Abishai S. Clark	1
Elisha Tucker	99	Levi Finkham	1
Thomas Stuartant	95	Gideon Massambs	2
Reuel Thompson	104		

The meeting was then adjourned to next meeting
attest Foster Finkham, Town Clerk

Nov. 12th 1832 The Annual March Meeting was taken up, pursuant to adjt Isaac Stevens Esq Moderator
Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at 1 o'clock in the afternoon -

Attest J. Tinkham Town Clerk

Town Meeting of Oct. 8th 1832, by adjt.

This meeting was taken up Nov 12th 1832, pursuant to adjournment - The Moderator being absent, chose Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator Pro Tem.

Voted to adjourn to next Town Meeting at 1 o'clock P.M.
Attest J. Tinkham Town Clerk

Town Meeting of October 8th 1832, by adjt.

This was taken up Feb 1st 1833 pursuant to adjournment, and by vote adjourned to the annual March Meeting at 1 o'clock P.M.
Attest J. Tinkham Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, at a Legal Meeting holden on the 4th day of February A.D. 1833 pursuant to a Warrant of which the following is a true copy
Plumouth ss. To any Constable in the Town of Middleborough in said County, Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble and meet together at their Town house in said Town, on Monday the 4th day of February next, at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following business, Viz -

Art. 1 To Choose a Moderator of said Meeting.

Art. 2 To see what measures the Town will adopt in relation to a Petition of Messrs Pierce & Wood, now before the Legislature praying that the privilege of taking the fish called Merives, at the Old Stone River, so called, may be discontinued, & that a new place for taking said fish be assigned.

You of said not, & make return of this warrant & of (your) doings thereon on or before the said meeting - Given at Middleborough this 26th day of January 1833.

Levi Eaton } Selectmen
Amos Haskins } of
Bradford Haslow } Middleboro

Middleborough January 28th 1833

Pursuant to the within warrant I have summoned & notified the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

(Signed) John C. Perkins, Constable
Voted, & made choice of Thomas Weston Esq. as Moderator of said Meeting

Art. 1 Voted, That the Town will not oppose the passage of the Petition of Messrs Pierce & Wood, now pending before the Legislature, provided that provision be made in the act to be passed on said petition, that said petitioners & their successors shall make & always maintain a sufficient passage way for Merives, to pass up around their shed

dam at the suitable season of the year, & also a suitable & convenient place for taking alibies by the Town or their Agents. Voted to choose a Committee of three persons to confer with the said Petitioners, on the details of a bill to be proposed to the general Court.

Chose Saml Rounsaville, Seth Miller & Joseph Leonard to constitute said committee.

The meeting was then dissolved by vote.

Attest Foster Tinkham Town Clerk

Fall Meeting of Oct 5th 1832 by Adj^t

March 4th 1833 The Annual Fall Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, Chose Seth Eaton Esq. Moderator Pro Tem.

Voted to sell the several Fishing Privileges on the same terms & conditions as last year.

Sale of Fishing for 1833-	Chose Nathl. Staples Auctioneer who sold them as follows:	
	The Privilege at the Stilling Mill was sold to	separately
	Silvanus Barrows for	\$210.00
	Old River Silvanus Barrows	210.00
	Apawampet Brook G. Rounsaville	40.00
		<u>\$460.00</u>

The Privileges were then offered collectively, & bid off by Ezra Chase at \$476.00. The last sale consequently the real one. Jacob Barrows & Silvanus Heinckley were offered, & by vote accepted, as sureties.

Chose Jacob Barrows, Saml Rounsaville, & Seth Gordon a Staceyway Committee, to see that the Merice have a sufficient passage up the River the present year.

Voted That the farm on which Joseph Morse lives, be set off from the School District to which it now belongs, & annexed to District No 13.

Voted That this Meeting be dissolved.

Attest Foster Tinkham Town Clerk

March 4th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Fourth day of March 1833, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & Returned, of which the following is a true copy. Viz-

Plymouth ss. Henry Constable of the Town of Middleborough in said County. Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet together at their Town House, in said Town, on Monday the 4th day of March next at 12 o'clock M. to act on the following business. Viz.

1. To choose a Moderator for said Meeting.
2. To choose all Town Officers required by law to be chosen in the month of March or May annually.
3. To choose a Committee to receive & allow accounts against the Town.
4. To raise such sum of money as the Town shall may think proper for the repairs of the Highways in the Town, & determine the time & manner in which the same shall be expended.
5. To see if the Town will authorize their Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by snow, in the several Districts, in the same manner the same might be done, if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways for the present year.
6. To choose Inspectors of the Merice Fishery.
7. To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer, & report the state of the Treasury.
8. To determine the manner of collecting the Taxes to be assessed in the Town the present year, & to vote a compensation to their Treas.
9. To hear the report of the Selectmen on laying out, or altering any road, or roads, & adopt the same, or otherwise.
10. To allow demands against the Town & order payment, as they shall see cause.
11. To restrain that cattle & horses from going at large the present year, if they shall see cause.

- Art 12 To choose a Pound Keeper
- 13 To choose some person to keep the key of the Town House.
- 14 To choose a committee to contract with a suitable person to take charge of the Alms House for the year 1834 -
- 15 To see what the Town will do in relation to the Petition of John Freeman & others, & also of William Atwood & others
- 16 To see what the Town will do in relation to a piece of road lying between Mr Shaw's Meeting house, & Tuttle pond (so called) and act any thing there as they shall see cause
- 17 To adopt such measures as the Town shall see cause in relation to an indictment against the Town for a bad road in the Southeastly part of the Town -
- 18 To see if the Town will choose an Agent or committee to superintend the making & preparing of a new place to take the Hearings, at the Dam lately built by Peirce & Wood & instruct them as they shall see cause -
- Heard full notice and make return of this warrant, and of your doings thereon, on or before the said day of meeting -
- Given under our hands at Middletown this Eleventh day of Feb. in the year 1833.

Seth Eaton } Selectmen of
(Signed) Benj. P. Wood }
Andrew Washkins } Middletown

Return Plymouth Co. Middletown Feb 15th 1833.
Pursuant to the within warrant, I have summoned & notified all the inhabitants of said Town, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time & place, & for the purposes within mentioned

Doings (Signed) Southworth Ellis Jr. Constable

- Art 1 Voted by Ballot & Made choice of Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator.
- Art 2 The following persons were then elected to the office aforesaid
Foster Sinkham, Clerk.

Bradford Harlow }
Benjamin P. Wood } Selectmen
Ethan Peirce }
Andrew Washkins }
Oliver Eaton }

Foster Sinkham, Treasurer & Collector.

Constables.

Abiel Wood Abner J. Harvey Jos. Clark 3^d
George Barney Elisha Clark Jr. John C. Perkins
& Southworth Ellis Jr

Surveyors of Highways

John Lubborn, John Fuller, Asa Benson Esq. Oliver Thomas
Venus Thompson Deuben Pratt Enock Weston
Cyrus Washburn John Stratbridge Eliza Richmond &
George Williams Jr. Lebariah Eddy Thomas Wily
Cyrus Nelson David Wood Nath. Shurtliff & Barrillai Morse
Abiel Thomas Silas Thomas William Smith Jacob
Atwood Samuel Lyon Wm. Munroct Harvey Sinkham
David Ashley Nath. Wump Levi Cobb Jr. Geo. Wood
Jacob Bennett & Geo. Cushman Zita Eaton Amos Washburn
William Bourne Ephas Shaw Edw. H. Cole Josiah Danvers
Enoch Sinkham Edw. Richmond Geo. Cox Nathan Sherman
Geo. Atwood Lebar Briggs Stillman Benson Salmon Cassock
Elisha Tucker Lattu Pickens Geo. Hear James Polkson
Ezekiel Turner Darius Darling Clothier Allen L. G. Canney
Earl Sears John Caminster & Samuel Robbins Jr

Surveyors of Lumber

Levi Sinkham & James Sprad Josiah Winslow Rowland
Peirce Elisha Clark Jr. George Atwood Williams Eaton
Daniel Briggs Seth Eaton & Caleb Alden

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Alfred Shaw, Levi Sinkham, Harvey Sinkham, Jos. Damp, Ezra Chase, Jacob Thompson, Eli Williams, Earl Sears, Abraham Perkins, David Caswell, Nath. Macomber, Nath. Miron, Nath. Barrows, Eleazer Thomas, Sam. White, Earl Spratt, John Edminster, John Keith, Nathan Aldrich, Josiah Perkins, Bradford Townsend, Caleb Alden, Edward Sparrow, Geo. W. Wood, Isaac Harriett, Philander Sampson, Thos. Covington, Thomas Burns, Hopewell Bishop, Nahum Keith, Geo. Williams, Luther Mursch, Asa T. Winslow, Ezra Harlow, Israel Brasher, Joshua Libanon.

Feathering men.

Edward Winslow, Humphrey Alden, Job Peirce, Alfred Thomas, Jacob Thompson, John Edminster.

Hog-reeves

Doct. Joseph Clark, Jonathan Standish, Abraham Perkins, Charles Jones, Philander Washburn, Bradley Gay, Jacob Bennett, Samuel Hoar, Manasseh Robbins, Luther Mursch, & Achemiah Sherman.

Prudential Com. of School Districts

School
Agts.

Josiah Freeman, John Keith, Samuel Pool, Earl Bourne, Darius Darling, Hervey Sinkham, Alfred Shaw, Asa Wood, Cephas Shaw, John Benson, Abel Skutumpah, Asa Benson, Eben Smith, David Harlow, Edw. G. Perkins, Adam C. Bishop, Abishai T. Clark, Daniel Warren, Mm. Mursch, Oliver Eaton, Eliska Sinkham, Linus Washburn, Nath. Thompson, William Strobridge, Ezra McLutty, Mm. Hafford, Job Parrot, John Perkins, Josiah Sparrow, Barnabas Eaton, Job C. Nelson, Josiah Baker, Nathan Sherman, Josh. Washburn, Eben Ellis, Asa Thompson, Sen. Standish & Daniel Savary.

School Committee

Bradford Harlow, Benjamin P. Wood, Ethan Peice, Andrew Haskins, Oliver Eaton.

Overseers of the Poor

Seth Miller, Nathaniel Staples & Benj. P. Wood.

Inspectors of the Marine Fishery.

Silas Briggs was chosen to inspect the Apawamsett Brook privilege at the expense of the Town - and the following persons were chosen to inspect at the expense of the purchasers, viz. Ezra Chase, Jacob Barrows, Benj. Caswell, Charles F. Bishop, James G. Cushman, James D. Mixer, Sils. Kinchley, Abner Leonard, & John C. Perkins.

Auditors

Abishai T. Clark, William Bourne, Tisdale Leonard, Will Washburn, Jonathan Cobb, Gamaliel Rounseville and Job Peirce.

Noted, That the Agents chosen instead of Simon Staples be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the amount of money apportioned to his District for the year 1832.

Resolved To raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars by Tax, to be paid in Labor & materials, in repairing the Highways the present year, & that the same shall be expended in the same manner, & the bills be committed to the several Surveyors at the same time as last year, excepting that instead of expending three fourths of said tax previous to the 1st of July, seven eighths of the same shall be paid before the first of July.

Voted To authorize Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by snow in the manner the same might be done, if no money had been raised for repairing the highways the present year.

See above.

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Annual March Meeting Cont.

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Chose Will Washburn, Seth Miller & Jonathan Cobb a Committee to settle with their Treasurers & report the state of the Town.

Noted That the Taxes be collected in the same manner, with the same discount for prompt payment, as last year.

Noted That the Treasurers & Collector be allowed Fifty Dollars for his services.

Passed over -

Passed over -

Noted to restrain neat cattle & horses from going at large the present year.

Chose Benjamin Thompson Pound keeper.

Chose Benjamin Thompson to keep the key of the Townhouse.

Passed over -

Noted That the subject of the Petition of John Freeman & others, & also of William Alwood & others, be referred to the Selectmen, & that report at the next meeting adjournment of this meeting.

Passed over -

Noted to choose an Agent to act for the Town in relation to an indictment against D Town for a bad road in Southeastly part of the same, at his discretion. Chose Isaac Stevens as that Agent.

Passed over -

Noted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Town Meeting in this place, at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest Foster Sinkham Town Clerk.

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Annual March Meeting by Adj.

The Annual March Meeting was taken up April 1st 1833 pursuant to Adjournment. J. Stevens Esq. Moderator.

Surveyors of Highways

Noted to excuse Ziba Eaton from serving as Surveyor of Highways, and chose Peter Oggett in his stead.

To excuse William Murdock from serving as Surveyor of Highways & chose Elijah E. Perkins in his stead.

To excuse Thos. Wily from serving as Surveyor of Highways & chose Elisha W. Williams in his stead.

To excuse Thos. Burns from serving as Surveyor of Highways & chose James Leonard in his stead.

To excuse Nathan Tharman from serving as Surveyor of highways & chose Albert Burrows in his stead.

Inspectors of Fishery

Noted to excuse from serving as inspectors of Fishery and chose Eli Williams to serve in his stead.

Chose the following persons Inspectors of the Fishery at the request of the owners of the Fishing privileges - viz -

John Warden, Luther Murdock, William E. Bump, Thomas Hartow, Jonathan Leonard & Scot Braden.

Constable

Chose Maj. Nathaniel Wilder Constable.

Chose Abel Booth Fence Viewer & Field Driver.

Noted That the subject of the 16th Article in the Warrant be referred to a Committee of 3 persons - and chose Messrs William Strobridge, Wilkes Wood, & Isaac Stevens, the Committee.

The Overseers of the Poor made a Report, which is on file, and was, by vote accepted.

Adj. to next Town Meeting in this place at 1 o'clock P.M. Attest J. Sinkham Town Clerk.

1833 ^{Page 191} Annual March Meeting by adjournment

May 27th The Annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjt. from May 4th 1833 - J. Stevens Moderator Voted to adjourn to next Town Meeting held in this place at 2 o'clock P.M. - Attest Foster Tinkham Town Clerk

The Annual March Meeting was called up July 29th 1833 pursuant to Adj. The Moderator being absent, made choice of Asa Thompson, Moderator Pro Tem. - No business coming before the meeting, voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting, in this house at 4 o'clock P.M. Attest Foster Tinkham Town Clerk

The Annual March Meeting was called up pursuant to adj. Report of journeymen Nov 11th 1833 - J. Stevens Moderator - Attest Washburn Secy. of Com. to settle with the Treas. & Report the state of the Treas. Made a Report which is on file, and was accepted by vote - Adj. to the next Town Meeting - Attest F. Tinkham Town Clerk

1833 ^{Page 191} Meeting for Representative to Congress

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, at a Legal Meeting, holden on the 1st day of April 1833, pursuant to a Warrant for that purpose of which the following is a true copy - Viz
Plymouth ss To any Constable in the Town of Middleborough in said County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, & also all such as are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet together at their Townhouse in said Town, on Monday, the first day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following business - Viz -

- 1st To give in their Votes for some Inhabitant of the 10th Congressional District, who is Legally qualified to represent said District in the next Congress of the United States.
 - 2 To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.
 - 3 To hear the Report of a Committee chosen to settle with Saml. Haslow & act anything in retaliation thereto as they shall see cause -
 - 4 To raise such sum of Money as shall be necessary for the purpose of defraying the necessary Charges & expenses of said Town the present year & appropriate the same to such uses as shall be deemed advisable, & direct when the money shall be assessed & paid into the Treasury -
- Hereof fail not, & make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon, on or before the said day of Meeting -

Middleborough Mar. 18th 1833 -
(Signed)

Andrew Washburn } Sct. Town
Benj. P. Wood }
Bradford Haslow } Middleboro

Plymouth ss. I served the within warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at the several Meetinghouses in said Town legal time before the holding of this Meeting

Mar 25 1833 Attest Wood Constable of Middleboro gave in their Votes for Representative to Congress as follows -

Meeting for Representative to Congress, Continued -

Viz	Hon. William Briggs	497	Votes
	" Micah C. Ruggles	100	"
	" Hon. Solomon Pratt	12	"
	" Hon. James L. Hodges	5	"
	" Mr. Wm. C. Parish	2	"

Art 2. Chose Seth Miller Esq. Moderator

The Committee chosen at a former meeting to settle the account between Samuel Harlow and the Town, made a Report, which is on file, in substance as follows. Viz - That the Committee cannot agree with Mr Harlow in a settlement, without sacrificing the interests of the town as they consider it. That they are of opinion that the best method of adjusting the affair, is to submit the same to arbitration - & recommend that the Town authorize the same to be settled in that manner -

Voted, That the same Committee be authorized to submit the subject of dispute between the Town & Mr. Harlow to Arbitration, to settle it in any other manner, as they may think proper -

Voted To raise the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars for the support of schools the ensuing year, Six Hundred Dollars to be expended in Summer, & Twelve Hundred Dollars in Winter Schools, the whole to be apportioned among the several School Districts, at the discretion of the School Committee -

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be holden in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest F. Finkham Town Clerk

1833 Town Meeting of April 1st 1833. by Adjournment

May 4th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, Silvanus Barrows was Chosen Moderator Pro Tem.

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be holden in this place, at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Foster Finkham Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 4th 1833

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' being duly assembled in Town Meeting, on Saturday the 4th day of May 1833 - pursuant to a warrant, of which the following is a true copy - Viz -

Plymouths. To any Constable of the Town of Middleboro' in said County

Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet together at their Town House in said Town, on Saturday the fourth day of May next, at 4 o'clock P.M. to act on the following business. Viz -

Art 1. To Chose a Moderator -

Art 2. To hear the report of the Selectmen in relation to the alteration of several School Districts, & act anything in relation thereto as they shall see cause -

Art 3. To consider the request of Benjamin Thomas that he may be removed to School District No 8 - & act anything thereon as they shall see cause - Hereof fail not - & make return of this warrant if you doings thereon, on or before the said day of meeting - Given under our hands at Middleboro' aforesaid, this 23 day of April 1833 - (Signed) Ananias Haskins } Selectmen
Bradford Haskins }
Benj. P. Wood } Middleboro'

Plymouths. Pursuant to the above warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' to meet at the time & place above directed, by posting up attested copies of said warrant at several public meeting houses in said town, seven days before the date hereof - May 4th 1833. Abel Wood, Constable of Middleboro'

Art 1. Voted & Chose Silvanus Barrows, Moderator -

Art 2. The Selectmen made a Report, of which the following is a true copy. Viz. The subscribers being a Majority of the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of William Thorne and John Freeman, having heard the parties, are unanimously of opinion that a new School District ought to be formed from District No 2 & District No 7 to be called & known by the name of School District No 39 to contain all the Inhabitants living on the following roads, & all within the following limits -

Boundaries
3. District
No 29. Beginning at the corner line on the road leading by Levi Morris
thence westward & northward to the bridge near Eady's Furnace,
thence to the North west corner of Experience Dents land on the
Road to the westward of his dwelling house, thence Eastward
to Plympton line by the Road, thence by Plympton & Carver
lines to where we commenced -

Middletown April 25th 1833 - (Signed) Bradford Haskins
Benj. P. Moore
Andrew Hastings

B. Thomas
annexed to
Dist. No 8

Resolved to accept the foregoing Report without amendment -
Art 3. - Voted That Benjamin Thomas request be granted - and he is ac-
cordingly annexed to School District No 8 -
Voted to Dissolve this meeting - Attest J. Tinkham Town Clerk

1833 May 27th Adjournment of Town Meeting of April 1st 1833

The Meeting of 1st of last April was taken up pursuant
to Adjournment from May 4th - Seth Miller Moderator -
Voted To Adjourn to the next Town Meeting at this place
at 3 o'clock P. M. Attest Foster Tinkham Town Clerk

Adjournment of April Meeting

1833 July 27th The Meeting of April 1st 1833 was called up pursuant
to adjournment - The Moderator being absent Chase Brad-
Thompson Moderator pro tem - No business coming before
the meeting - Voted to adjourn to next Town Meeting in this place
at 2 o'clock P. M. Attest Foster Tinkham Town Clerk

1833 Nov 11th The April Meeting was taken up pursuant to ad-
journment from May 27th 1833. Seth Miller Moderator

Resolved To raise by a tax the sum of Three Thousand, two Hundred
for Dollars in addition to the sum of Eighteen Hundred Dollars before

1833 making an aggregate of Five Thousand Dollars -

5000.00 Voted that the tax bills be committed for collection to the
Collector on the first of December next -

Meeting Dissolved Attest J. Tinkham Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' being duly assembled in Town Meeting, at their Town house on Monday the 27th Day of May 1833, pursuant to a warrant of which the following is a true copy, Viz-

Plymouth. To Nathaniel Wilder Constable of the Town of Middleboro'

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble & meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the Twenty-Seventh day of May instant at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business. Viz-

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator-

" 2 To determine whether the Town will break & construct the Road lately laid out in the Western part of the Town commencing at a bracketed Oak Tree in the line of Duxton. Thence running by the Beach Woods Meeting house to a Sycamore Tree in the line of Taunton, and adopt any measures for making & constructing said Road, as they shall see cause-

" 3 To adopt such measures as shall be deemed advisable in relation to altering a Road in said Town, on the Petition of Jacob Thompson & others-

" 4th To choose an Agent to answer to an Indictment against said Town pending in the Court of Common Pleas of said County & make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at, or before the time of said Meeting

Bradford Hallow
Benj. P. Wood
Clever Eaton
Amos Washburn
Selectmen
of
Middleboro'

Middleboro May 13th 1833-

Plymouth. May 26th 1833. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro' in said County, therein described, to assemble & meet together at the time & place, & for the purposes therein named by posting up notifications thereof, together with an attested copy of said warrant, at each of the several public meeting houses in said Town, seven days previous to the time for holding said Meeting-

C. Nath. Wilder, Constable of Middleboro'

Voted & chose Asa Thompson Moderator-

" 2 Voted That the Town choose a Committee of five persons to take the subject of building the Beach Woods Road, and also the Indictment against the Town for not opening & repairing said road, into consideration, & also to apply to the County Commissioners, if they think proper, to get them to renew the order for allowances to said Town, in part of the expense of building said road - & to give such instructions to any Agent, appointed by the Town to answer said Indictment as they may deem proper, and that said Committee be authorized, if they think it best, to draw a petition to the County Commissioners for a discontinuance of said road, & procure signatures at the expense of the Town - & Report at the adjournment of this Meeting.

Chose for the above Committee Messrs Pelamiah Pinkham, Isaac Sevens, Wilkes Wood, Thos. Weston & Abel Washburn.

" 3 This Article passed over-

" 4th Chose Wilkes Wood Agent to answer to an Indictment against the Town pending in the Court of Common Pleas-

Voted to adjourn to the 29th of July next at three o'clock P.M.
Attest Pelamiah Pinkham Town Clerk

1833 Town Meeting of May 27th by Adj.^{ts}

Report
of
Com.^{rs} on
the
Woods
Road-

July 27th - The Meeting of May 27th. was taken up pursuant to adj.^t. Wad. Thompson Moderator.
The Committee chosen at the last meeting to take the Subject of the Woods Road into consideration. & made the following Report - The Committee having had the subject under consideration, ask leave to report in part, that they have prepared a Petition to the County Commissioners for a discontinuance of said Road - & have employed a man to procure signatures of the Inhabitants of the Town to said Petition, that it was thought advisable for the Agent chosen by the Town at the last meeting for the purpose of attending to the Indictment pending against the Town, for not opening & repairing said road, to present the Petition to the C. Commissioners at their session to be holden next week, & to get a continuance of the Indictment, if in his power, or, if not, to make such arrangements for a defense on the part of the Town as shall be thought best.

(Signed)

R. Sinkham for Order

Instructions
given to the
above
Com.^{rs}

Voted to accept the above Reports - & that the same Committee be instructed to continue to advise with the Agent chosen by the Town to attend to said Indictment, & give him such instructions as they shall deem proper, & Report their doings at the adjournment of this Meeting -

Voted to Adjourn to the next Town Meeting in this place at 8 o'clock.
Attest Foster Sinkham Town Clerk

Town Meeting - November 11th 1833 -

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro. holden on the Eleventh day of Nov. 1833, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true copy - Viz.
Plymouth Co. To one of the Constables of the town of Middleborough Greeting - You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet & assemble at their town house, on Monday the Eleventh day of November next at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the following Articles, Viz.
1. To Choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
2. To hear the Request of Jacob Barrows & others respecting the Fish-
way at Pine Wood near Dam
3. To see what the town will do respecting the town lines of the
Townhouse lot, & the town Pound -
4. To see what the town will do in relation to shingling the Washburn
5. To hear the request of Peter Miller respecting a road crossing
his land -
6. To see what the town will do respecting a complaint against a Road
near Ash Shays - You are to fail not to make return of this Warrant
with your doing, thereon to the Town Clerk at the time & place above mentioned -
Given under our hands at Middleborough this 10th day of October 1833 -
For this Meeting See 3 pages forward -

Mr. Wm. The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro: at a Legal Meeting held at their Town house on Monday, the Eleventh day of November 1833, pursuant to a Warrant for this purpose. duly issued, served and returned, of which the following is a true copy— Viz

Plymouth Co. To any constable of the Town of Middleboro in said County.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn the Male Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote for Governor, to meet at their Town House in said Middleboro on Monday the eleventh day of November next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following business—

Art. 1. To give in their votes for or against a proposed article of Amendment to the Constitution of this Commonwealth.

Art. 2. To give in their votes for Governor, Lt. Governor & two Senators—

Art. 3. To give in their votes for one or more of the Inhabitants of said Town, to Represent them in the next General Court.

Hereof fail not, & make return of this Warrant & of your doings thereon, on or before the said day of Meeting—

Middleboro Oct. 14th 1833. Benjⁿ P. Wood } Settlers
Madford Hadroo } of
Andrew Haskins } Middleboro

Plymouth Co. Middleborough Nov 4th 1833—

The virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Male Inhabitants of said Town to meet at the within named place time & place, by posting sep^{arate} notices at their several Meeting houses in said Town

Amend- ment of The said Inhabitants gave in the their votes on the Amendment of the Constitution, which being sorted & counted, were as follows—
Viz— For the Amendment 168 Votes
Against the Amend. 25 "

Then gave in their votes for Governor, Lt. Governor & Senators, which being sorted, & counted were as follows—

Viz— Marcus Norton had 285 votes
John Davis " 114 "
John D. Adams " 142 "
Samuel C. Allen " 28 "
James Fowler had 285 votes
Sam^l D. Armstrong " 114 "
Sam^l Lathrop " 142 "
Wm. H. Thompson " 28 "
Peter H. Pierce had 286 votes
Jacob Covington " 288 "
Thomas Hale " 116 "
Isaac L. Hedge " 115 "
Nathan Lathrop " 143 "
John B. Turner " 112 "

Vote to choose Six Representatives to represent the Town in the next General Court
Voted by ballot and made choice of the following Gentlemen— Viz—

Messrs. John Perkins
Samuel Thompson
Benjⁿ P. Wood
Ethan Pierce
Ephraim Leach

& Luther Murdock, the whole number of votes

given in, & for whom given, being as follows—

John Perkins had 256 votes	Abigail T. Clark had 118 votes
Sam ^l Thompson " 235 "	Joshua Haskins Jr. " 119
Benj ⁿ P. Wood " 238 "	Martin Keith " 80
Ethan Pierce " 237 "	Wm. L. Eddy " 82
Ephraim Leach " 236 "	Jonathan Cobb " 83
Luther Murdock 237 "	Noratio G. Wood " 81
William Bourne " 119 "	Zattu Perkins Jr. " 80
Cephas Thompson " 112 "	Morrill Robinson " 83
Luther Washburn " 119	Nath ^l Staples " 2
Oliver Eaton " 118	Sam ^l Rounselle " 2

Adjourned sine die Attest T. Tinkham Town Clerk

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All a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro holden at their Town house on the 11th day of Nov. 1833 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true Copy Viz-

Plymouths. To be of the Constables of the Town of Middleboro Greeting. You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify & warn the male Inhabitants of said town qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to meet & assemble at their town house on Monday the eleventh day of November next at ten o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles Viz-

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
 Art 2 To hear the request of Jacob Barrows & others, respecting the fishway at Peine & Wood's new Dam -
 " 3 To see what the town will do respecting the lines of the Townhouse lot, & of the town pound -
 " 4 To see what the town will do in relation to shingling the Main Street
 " 5 To hear the request of Peter Miller respecting a road crossing his land
 " 6 To see what the town will do respecting a complaint against a road near Noah Ashley's -
 You of said note, & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk, at the time & place above mentioned - Given under our hands at Middleborough, this 14th day of October 1833 -

Madge & Haulover
 Benj^d P. Wood
 Andrew Huskins
 & Thos Peine

Settlement
 of
 Middleboro

Plymouths. Middleboro Nov. 11th 1833 -

By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the male Inhabitants of said town to meet at the within named time & place, by posting up notices at their several Meeting houses in said town

Jos. Clark Constable

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- Art 1st Voted & Chose J. Stevens Esq. Moderator
 Art 2 Voted that the subject of the road & complaint named in the 2^d Article relating to the passage of the fish at the said dam, be referred to a committee of five persons, for further investigation & that they report at the adjournment of this Meeting -
 Chose for the above Com^{tee} Messrs Jacob Barrows, G. Rounselle, Jonathan Cobb, Amos Washburn, & Wm. Brown -
 Art 3a Voted to choose a com^{tee} of three persons to enquire into & ascertain the rights of the town in relation to the town pound and the town house lot, & Report at the adjt. of this meeting -
 Chose for this Com^{tee} Messrs Wilkes Wood, G. Rounselle, and Isaac Stevens -
 Art 4 Voted that the subject of this article be left to the discretion of the overseers of the Poor -
 Art 5 Voted to refer the subject of this article, to Isaac Stevens Esq. & that he investigate the matter, make a final settlement with Mr. Miller, & report his doings at a future adjt. of this Meeting -
 Voted to choose an Agent with authority to expend a sum of money not exceeding 75 \$ in labour & materials on said ^{the present spot} as he shall see cause, & that he be instructed to take measures to have the town cleared of B. Indistinct.
 Chose Nathaniel Staples for the above named Agents -

Adjourned to next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
 Attest J. Tuckham Town Clerk

- 1834 Feb 3d The Meeting of Nov 11th 1833 was taken up pursuant to adj^t - The Moderator being absent - Wilkes Wood was Chosen Moderator Pro Tem -
 No business coming before the meeting - Voted to adjourn to the next town Meeting at the Town house, at 2 o'clock P.M. -
 Attest J. Tuckham Town Clerk

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March

Barrel
Grounds
Dam

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Adjournment of the Meeting of Nov. 11th 1833.

The Meeting of Nov. 11th 1833, was taken up pursuant to Adj. March 10th 1834 - Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator -
The Com^r to whom was referred the subject of the 2^d Art. in the Warrant - Reported Veridically, that the passage prepared by Mess^{rs} Peine & Wood, for the fish called Hewives to pass their Dam, was insufficient - & on motion of S^r Com^r -
Voted - That the same Com^r be intrusted to adjust & settle all the difficulties that have arisen between the Town & Mess^{rs} Peine & Wood in relation to the Fishing Privileges last year, provided a satisfactory settlement in each case, can be made - to report their doings at the adj. of this meeting -
Adj. To the 1st Monday in April next. 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest J. Pinkham Town Clerk

1834

Town
House
Lot

The Meeting of Nov 11th. 1833 was called pursuant to adjournment, April 7th 1834 - J. Stevens Esq. Moderator -
The Com^r chosen to settle with Peine & Wood, & with the purchasers of the Fishing last year, reported, in satisfaction that all the difficulties that have thus far arisen, have been satisfactorily settled, without expense to the town, which report was by vote accepted -
The Com^r to whom was referred the subject of the 16th art of the Warrant for the last Annual March Meeting - in relation to a Road leading from Shaw's Meeting house to Tuttle pond made a Rep^t in the Subj^t which is on file & was accepted -
The Com^r chosen to enquire into, & ascertain the rights of the town in relation to the Town pond, & the Town house lot, made a Report, which is on file, & was accepted by vote -
Voted That the same Com^r be authorized to erect monuments at the angles of the Town house lot, as recommended in their report. And that, be authorized to purchase stuff at the expense of the town, to erect a defense around the small pond which have recently been set out in front of the Town house -
Adj. To next Town Meeting 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest J. Pinkham Town Clerk

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Town Meeting, Feb. 3d 1834

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro^s holden at their Town house on the third day of February, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, & returned, of which the following is a true copy -
Viz - Plymouth ss - To either of the Constables of the town of Middleboro^s -
Greeting -
You are hereby required to notify & warn all the male Inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at their town house in said town, on Monday the 3 day of Feb^r next, at one o'clock, P.M. Then & there to act on the following business - Viz -
To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
To see if said town will choose a Committee to contract with some person to take charge of the Poor House in said town, & act any thing thereon, as they may see cause -

Whereof full note, & make return of this warrant, and of your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on, or before the said time of meeting -
Given under our hands, at Middleboro^s, this 13th day of January A.D. 1834
Andrew Perkins } Selectmen
Benj^r P. Wood } of Middleboro^s
Bradford H. Adams }

Plymouth ss - I have served the within Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at several Meeting houses in said town fourteen days before the time of said holding this meeting.
Middleboro^s Jan 20. 1834
Abiel Wood Constable of Middleboro^s

Voted To Authorise the Overseers of the Poor, to contract with some person to take charge of the Alms House the ensuing year -
Adjourned Sine Die
Attest J. Pinkham Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting. ^{Page 206} March 10th 1834.

1834
Mar. 10

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middletown being duly assembled in Town Meeting, on Monday the Tenth Day of March A.D. 1834. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy. Viz.

Plymouth. To any Constable of the Town of Middletown in said County, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble & meet together, at their Town House in said Town, on Monday the 10th day of March next, at 12 o'clock M. to act on the following business, Viz.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at S. Meeting.
- 2^d To Choose all Town Officers required by Law to be chosen in the month of March or April annually.
- 3^d To Choose a Committee to receive & allow accounts against the Town.
- 4th To raise such sum of money as the town may think proper, for the repairs of the Highways in the town, & determine the time & manner in which the same shall be expended.
- 5th To see if the town will authorize their Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by snow, in the several Districts, in the same manner the same might be done if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways for the present year.
- 6th To Choose Inspectors of the Alewife Fishery.
- 7th To dispose of the Privilege of taking the Fish called Alewives, at the several fishing places in said town, the present year, upon such terms & conditions as the town shall deem proper.
- 8th To choose a Committee to see that the fish called Alewives have a convenient passage thro' the several Dams the present year.
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & Report the state of the Treasury.
- 10th To determine the manner of collecting the taxes to be assessed in the town, the present year, & vote a compensation to their Treasurer.

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- 11th To hear the report of the Selectmen, on laying out, or altering any road or roads, & adopt the same or otherwise.
 - 12th To allow demands against the town & order payment, as they shall see cause.
 - 13th To restrain neat cattle & horses from going at large the present season, year, if they shall see cause.
 - 14th To choose a pound keeper.
 - 15th To Choose some person to keep the key of the Town House.
 - 16th To Choose a Committee to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Alms House for the year 1835.
 - 17th To hear the request of Thomas Washburn & others in relation to an alteration in the bounds of a certain School District, & act any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
 - 18th To see what measures it is advisable to adopt in relation to the application of money for the support of schools & act any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
- Hereof fail not, & make return of this warrant, & of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the 5th time of Meeting. Given under our hands at Middletown aforesaid, this 10th day of February A.D. 1834.

(Signed) Benj. P. Ford } Selectmen
Bradford Hallow } of Middletown
Oliver Eaton }
Andrew Washburn }

Plymouth. March 9th 1834. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant I have notified & warned all the inhabitants of the town of Middletown in said County, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble & meet together, at the time & place, for the purposes mentioned in said Warrant, by posting up notifications, together with an attested copy of the Warrant aforesaid, at each of the several houses of public religious worship in said town of Middletown, fourteen days previous to the time of said Meeting.

R. Nath. Wilbur, Constable of Middletown

voted & made choice of Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator
The following persons were then elected to several
offices designated. viz.

Foster, Sinkham. Clerk.
 Messrs. Bradford Harlow
 Jonathan Cobb
 Ethan Peirce
 Nathaniel Staples
 Gamal. Rounseville } Selectmen.

Allen Shaw, Treasurers

Constables.

Abel Wood, Abner T. Harvey, William Murdock,
 Samuel Cole, Elisha Clark Jr & South. Ellis Jr.

Surveyors of Highways

Edward Sparrow	Jno. Shaw	John Keith	Chander R. Smith
Jno. Fuller	Eben. Holmes	Henry Bushman	Salmon Caswell
Branch Harlow	Joseph Sampson	John Borden	Elisha Tucker
Perez Thomas	Jacob T. Barrows	Amos Washburn	Jacobs Pichens
Reuel Thompson	Alfred Wood	Samuel Briggs	Silas Peirce
Calvin Shaw	Thomas A. Thomas	Holmes Sampson	Josh. LeBaron
Linus Washburn	Jacob Lunt	Elijah Alden	Alden Clark
Emas Eaton	Adnah Jackson	Wm. O. Barrows	Ephraim Thompson
Gen. W. Pichens	Philon. Sampson	Eliab Dean	John Peirce
Gen. Barney	Stephen Harlow	Jon. Leonard Jr	Alex. Caneely
Mr. Montgomery	Silas Briggs	Consider Fuller	Josiah Baker
Zeck. Eddy	Nath. Trump	Abishai T. Clark	Leonard Ashley
Abner T. Harvey	Barthol. Thomas	Jacob Thompson	Calat. Caswell
Wm. Harlow	Geo. W. Wood	Wm. T. Harlow	

Surveyors of Lumbers Levi Sinkham & Jas. Spruce
 Jacob Winslow, Eli Peirce, Elisha Clark & Geo. Harwood
 Seth Eaton, Williams Eaton Daniel Briggs, Geo. W. Wood,
 Ansel Benson & Earl Spruce.

Senec. Drivers & Field Drivers

Alfred Shaw	Isaac Covington	Daniel Cobb
Levi Sinkham	Luther Macomber	Nath. Barrows
Harvey Sinkham	Ezra Harlow	Winslow Thomas
Earl Brown	Jobston H. Pratt	Samuel White
Ezra Chase	Josiah Barrows	Earl Spruce
Jacob Thompson	Luther Harwood	Josiah Baker
Eli Williams	Isa. T. Winslow	John Keith
Earl Sears Jr	Hopstitt Bishop	Josiah Winslow
Calat Alden	Job Thresher Jr	Nathan Rider
Edward Sparrow	Abraham Perkins	Bradford Townsend
Philip L. Wood	David Caswell	Heracles Smith
Obadiah Sampson	Nath. Macomber	Leonard Ashley

Tythingmen

Benajah Peirce, Humphrey Alden, John C. Reed
 Alfred Thomas, Solomon Raymond.

Hog Reers

Joseph Clark, Alexander Caneely, Geo. W. Wood
 Charles Jones & Jonathan Peirce.

Overseers of the Poor

Seth Miller Esq, Ephraim Leach, Benj. P. Wood.

School Committee

Bradford Harlow, Jon. Cobb, Ethan Peirce, Nath.
 Staples, and Gamaliel Rounseville.

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Annual March Meeting, Cont.

Prudential Com. of School Dist.

South. Ellis Jr	Jno. Freeman	Edward W. Cole
Levi Thomas	Alden Clark	Otis Pratt
Jason Tuttle	Geo. W. Snow	Alfred H. Alden
Marshall Gibbs	Hopewell Bishop	Geo. Soule
Hexact Sinkham Jr	Orin Alvord	Peter H. Peirce
Otis Soule	Lysan. Wood	Leonard Ashley
Geo. H. Wood	Justus Thomas	Ethan Peirce
Jacob Thompson	Earl Alden *	Erza McElroy
Chandler R. Smith	Amos Raymond	Silas Pickens Jr
Roland Peirce	Estab Caswell	Henry Thrasher
Geo. Williams	Boni Washburn	Josiah Baker
Ellis Griffith	Nath. Hawthorn	Avery Townsend
Seneca Thomas	Lib. Leonard	Gideon Haskins
Charles Bennett	* Excused	

Auditors

Abisha T. Clark, Oliver Peirce, Abel Washburn,
Elkanah Hathaway, Jared Alden, Stillman Ben-
son, & William Bourne.

Com. to settle with Treasurer.

William Bourne, Joseph Jackson, Peter H. Peirce

Voted, To choose a com. of 5 persons, to take into consid-
eration the subject of the division of the money for the sup-
port of Schools among the several Districts, & Report at
the adj. of this meeting -

Chose Messrs Wilkes Wood, Geo. W. Wood, Oliver Peirce,
Abisha T. Clark, & Leith Washburn.

Voted To sell the privilege of taking the fish called
Alewives at each of several fishing places in town,
first separately, afterwards collectively, and the sale

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at which they sold for the largest sum, to be considered the
final or true sale - Chose Capt Nathl. Staples Auctioneer
who sold them as follows - Viz -

First Sale - Milling mill Privilege to Nath. Bump for \$100.00
Old Ware " to Gamt Rounselle. 75.00
Apawampset Brook to Gamt Rounselle. 13.00
\$208.00

Second Sale - The whole were sold to G. Rounselle for \$215.00
Messrs Jacob Barrows & Jonathan Stamish were offered by
Mr Rounselle as Sureties, & accepted by the town -

Sluiceway Men -

Jacob Barrows, Parmenas G. Sampson Seth Eaton, Branch
Hartlow & George W. Wood -

Voted To adjourn to the 1st Monday in April next at 2 o'clock

Attest T. Sinkham Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting, by Adj.

The Annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to
adjournment, J. Stevens Esq. Moderator -
Chose Allen Sharo Collector -
Voted, to choose Five Fire Wards -

Chose William Bourne, Silvanus Barrows, Levi Tomlinson,
Edward Borden, Roland Sinkham -

Voted To raise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars by Tax, to
be paid in Labor & Materials, in repairing the High-
ways the present year -

Voted That Tax shall be expended in same manner as
that of last year was. & Voted that the Bills be com-
mitted to the several Surveyors on the 15th of May next -

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Adjourned Annual March Meeting Apr 7th

Voted That the Surveyors of Highways be instructed to return their Taxbills as early as the 15th of Nov. that the balances then due on Taxes may be added to the money Tax -

Voted To authorize Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by snow in the same manner the same might have been done, had no money been raised for repairing the Highways the present year -

Inspectors of Fishery -

Lorenzo Wood, Wm. E. Bump. Abner Leonard, Jas. G. Cushman, Isaac D. Bump, Edward G. Perkins, Eben' Wilder Jr. Jonathan Standish, Jeph' Holmes, & Gam'l. Rouseville. were chosen to serve at the expense of the purchasers of the Fishery - and Silas Briggs was chosen, to serve at the expense of the Town -

The Committee Chosen to settle with the Treasurer, transfer the Books & papers, & report the State of the Treasury - made a Report which was by vote accepted, & is on file -

Voted That the Treasurer, ^{& collector} be allowed Fifty Dollars for his services the present year -

Voted That the Overseers be instructed & authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Arms House for the year 1835 -

Voted that the bounds of the school District in which Mr Bradford Bartons resides, be so altered as to include Messrs Thomas Washburn, Lewis Washburn, Isaac N. Cushman & George Atwood with the Farms on which they reside, in the said District -

Chose Lem' Lyon, Joshua Wood, & Jonas Cushman Field Priors & Fence Viewers - also Jas. Leonard, T. Drury & Chose Benjamin Thompson Pound keeper, & to keep the key of the Town house -

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Annual March Meeting by Adj. Continued

Excuse Paul Alden from serving as School Agent & Chose Elijah Hackett in his stead -

Excuse Abigail T. Clark from serving as Surveyor of highways & chose Pelham E. Gibbs in his stead -

The Selectmen made a report, laying out a road near the Stratridge School House (i.e. Colina) which report is on file, & was by vote accepted -

Adj. to this place, at next meeting Book Clerk
Attest F. Sinkham Town Clerk

The Com. Chosen, to take into consideration the subject of the division of the money for the support of schools among the several Districts made a Report which is on file, & was accepted by vote -

Voted to restrain meat Cattle & horses from going at large the present year -

Adj. to the next Town Meeting at this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest F. Sinkham Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

Sept. 22. 1834. The Annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. Isaac Stevens Esq, Moderator -

No business coming before the Meeting.

Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting to be holden in this place at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest F. Sinkham Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro, at a Legal meeting holden on the 7th day of April A.D. 1844 Pursuant to a Warrant for that purpose of which the following is a true copy. Viz.

Plymouths. To any Constable of the Town of Middleboro, Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet together at their Town house in said Town, on Monday, the 7th day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following business.

1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.
 2. To see what the Town will do, or direct respecting the petition of Miller Wood & others, for the discontinuance of a highway through Beach woods (so called) now pending before the County Commissioners.
 3. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
 4. To raise such sum of money as the Town shall see cause, to defray the current expenses of the year, and direct the time when the same shall be assessed & collected.
- Hereof I will note & make return of this Warrant & of your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the 3rd time of Meeting - Given under our hands at Middleboro' aforesaid, this 17th day of March A.D. 1844

Bradford Harlow
Nathaniel Staples
Jonathan Cobb
Garn, Rounsaville } Justices
of
Middleboro

Plymouths. Middleborough March 31st 1844. I hereby certify, that I have Notified all the Inhabitants of Middleboro' to meet at the time & place, & for the purposes, as within directed, by posting up Notifications at the several Meeting houses in said Town, as the Law directs requires -

William Murdock Constable -

(over)

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Meeting of April 7th 1834 - continued -

Voted, & chose Nath Miller Esq. Moderator -

Deed of
Moses
Road

Voted That the Town approve of the object of the Petition of
Wilkes Wood & others now pending before the County
Commissioners, for the discontinuance of the Road through
Beach Woods, & that the Town will aid in the Prosecu-
tion of the Petition -

Chose Messrs. Deland Tinkham, Isaac Stevens, Wilkes Wood,
Norman Weston Jr & Abel Washburn, a Committee, and
instructed them to adopt all such measures as they
shall judge proper, in the prosecution of said the
above named Petition -

County
Officers

Gave in their votes for County Treasurer, which were as
follows - For Robert Cotton 26 votes -

" Wm. M. Jackson 3 "

" Jonathan Cobb 1 "

Set
45000

Voted To raise the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, by
a Tax - the same to be assessed & paid in at the same
time, & in the same manner as last year, & with the dis-
count for prompt payment -

Voted To appropriate the sum of Eighteen Hundred
Dollars to the support of schools the present year -

Notice to Dissolve this meeting

Attest J. Tinkham Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Sept: 22 1834 -

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of
Middleboro, holden at their Town house, on Monday,
the 22 Day of September A. D. 1834, pursuant to a Warrant
duely issued & served & returned, of which the following is
a true copy, viz -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleboro, in the
County of Plymouth, Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are
required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of
Middleborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet
at their Town house in Middleborough on Monday, the
Twenty second day of September instant, at three o'clock
P. M. to act on the following business, viz -

First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
Second To hear the Report of a Committee, in relation to the
Beach Woods Road, (so called) and to act any thing there-
on, the Town may think most advisable -

Third To enquire into the cause of a complaint by Jon-
athan Standish, against the Town of Middleborough
before the Grand Jury, respecting an old Road near
Horatio G. Woods, & to act any thing thereon, the Town
may see cause -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by Posting
up attested copies thereof, as the law requires - If you fail
not, & make due return of this Warrant, with your do-
ings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time & place of
Meeting as aforesaid - Given under our hands & seals
this Eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord
One Thousand Eight Hundred & Thirtyfour -

Bradford Haslow
Jonathan Cobb
Nath. Staples
Ethan Pierce
Saml. Rounselle
Selectmen of
Middleborough



Sept 22nd 1834. ^{Page 218} Continued

Return
Plymouth Co. Middleborough Sep 15th 1834. I hereby
certify that I have notified & warned all the
Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Middleborough as
within directed, to meet at the time & place, and for
the purposes, by Posting up Notifications at the several
Meeting Houses in said Town, as the Law directs -
William Munroe, Constable
of Middleborough

Art. 1st
Art. 2^d
Beach-
woods
Road.
Voted & made choice of Gaml. Rounselle, Moderator
Nepos Wilkes Wood & Isaac Stevens, a minority of the
Committee chosen on the 7th of April 1834, to adopt such
measures as they might judge proper in relation to a Pe-
tition of Wilkes Wood & others for the discontinuance of the
Beachwoods Road, Reported in substance (which Report is
on file) that Tho the Petition was signed by a great number of the
Inhabitants of the town, still the Commissioners do not see
cause to discontinue the road or any part of it. But upon ap-
plication the Commissioners have given another time, viz.
one year from the first day of September instant, for the Town
to build said road, and have renewed their Order for allow-
ance to said Town, towards defraying the charges of building said
road, viz. between Eleven & Twelve Hundred Dollars.

Under such circumstances, the Committee recommended that
the Town take measures to have said road built - to com-
mence the work this Fall.

Voted to accept the above Report.

Voted That a Committee of three persons be chosen to
make a contract or Contracts for breaking said Road.
chose Messrs. Nathl Staples, Geo. W. Wood & Isaac Stevens
as said committee.

Voted That the Committee be instructed to contract for the
making of said Road, both the old & new parts, to be
broken of such width & height, in the various parts, as said
Com^{tee} shall judge advisable - & to be made to the satisfaction
of the County Commissioners.

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Art. 3 Voted & chose Messrs. Gaml. Rounselle, Manasseh Rob-
bins & Wilkes Wood a Committee to examine the sub-
ject of Mr. Jonathan Handish's complaint, & to report
what measures they consider it advisable for the
Town to take in relation to the same.

Adjourned to this place at the next
town meeting at 3 o'clock P.M.
Attest J. S. Latham Town Clerk

Town Meeting ^{Page 226} *helden* ^{Oct. 6th.} 1834.

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough helden at their Town House on Monday the Sixth Day of October A. D. 1834. pursuant to a warrant duly issued, served and returned, of which the following is a true Copy, To wit: Plymouth ss. To any Constable in the Town of Middleborough in said County -

Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet together at their Town House in said Town on Monday the sixth day of October next at Eight o'clock A. M. to act on the following business - To wit:

- Art 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
" 2^d To see if the Town will deem it expedient to reconsider their doings in relation to the Beach Woods Road, at their Meeting helden on the 22nd instant, and act anything thereon as they shall see cause -

Given under our hands at Middleborough, this Twenty seventh day of September, in the year Eighteen Hundred & thirty four -

Plymouth ss. Sept. 29th 1834
Sam^l. Proussnitz } Selectmen of
Nath^l. Staples } Middleborough
Jonathan Cobb }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs to meet together at the time & place for the purposes mentioned in said warrant by posting up notices at each of the several meeting houses in said Town as the law directs - Abiel Wood Constable of Middleborough and chose Joseph Jackson Moderator -

Beach Woods Road

After a long debate on the subject of the 2^d art. in the warrant the Town Voted to reconsider the votes passed at their Meeting helden on the 22nd of September last in relation to the subject of the Beach Woods Road -

Voted That a Committee of three persons be chosen to examine the old Beach Woods road, which has been complained of and for which the town is now indicted, & report at the November Meeting what measures it is expedient for the town to pursue or adopt in relation to the same - Chose for this Committee Abiel Wood East Sprout & Foster Pinkham - Voted to dissolve this meeting: Attest J. Pinkham Town Clerk

^{Page 221} 1834. Annual November Meeting for the choice of Governor, Lieut. Gov. Senators, Representatives & Member of Congress.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Tenth Day of November A. D. 1834. pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy, To wit:

Greeting
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
To either of the Constables of the town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth -

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified by Law to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough, on Monday the Tenth day of November next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday of said Month of November.

First, To bring in the Selectmen for a Governor, & Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for two Senators for the District of Plymouth, on one ballot (for the year ensuing)

Second, To determine the number of Representatives said Town will choose for the ensuing year.

Third - To choose one or more Representatives as the town may determine, to Represent the said Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

Fourth, To give in their votes for a Representative in the next Congressional District of this Commonwealth, to Represent them in said district in the Twenty fourth Congress of the United States - And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies hereof as the law requires -

And fail not, and make due return with your doings thereon to the Selectmen, at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty four.

Sam^l. Proussnitz } Selectmen of
Nath^l. Staples } Middleborough
Jonathan Cobb }

1834. Annual Meeting ^{Page 222} Continued.

Plymouth Jr

I served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the several meeting houses in this town two Sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting.

Middleborough Nov 10th 1834. Abel Wood Constable of Middleborough gave in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators which being sorted and counted were as follows—

	Marcus Morton	had	230	Votes
	John Davis		223	"
For Governor	John Bailey		108	"
	Samuel C. Allen		2	"
For	William H. Thompson		234	"
Lieut. Gov.	Samuel H. Armstrong		223	"
	George Edicome		109	"
	Nathan Lazell		324	"
For	John B. Turner		340	"
Senators	Isaac L. Kedge		222	"
	John V. Shaw		220	"
	Abel Kingman		2	"
	T. Tinkham		1	"

Voted To choose four Representatives to Represent this Town in the next General Court.

Voted by Ballot & made choice of the following Gentlemen—

Samuel Thompson Andrew Haskins
Israel Benson Ethan Peirce

The whole number of votes given in, and for whom being as follows

For Samuel Thompson	285	Jonathan Cobb	268	Samuel Miller	84
For Israel Benson	281	William J. Eddy	264	John Pickens Jr	85
For Andrew Haskins	286	George H. Wood	252	Norata G. Wood	88
For Ethan Peirce	280	Oliver Eaton	191	Luther Munsack	1
For Samuel B. Rounselle	269	Leather Washburn	184	James Sprout	1
For Deuben R. Pratt	271	Nathl Staples	184	Joshua Wood	2

In Seth Eaton—2 votes For Mr. Munsack 2 votes.

Gave in their votes for Representative to Congress which being sorted and counted were as follows—

For Nathaniel B. Borden 262 votes

For William Baylies 247

ad. without delay
Attest H. Tinkham Town Clerk

1834. Meeting for choice of Rep. to Congress ^{Page 223} Final

The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Fifteenth Day of December D. 1834 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleboro in the County of Plymouth

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify & warn all the Free-taxes & other Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro duly qualified by Law, to vote in person to assemble & meet together in their Town house in Middleboro on Monday the Fifteenth day of December next at ten o'clock in the afternoon, To Give in their votes in the election for a Representative, that is an inhabitant of the town & precinct (District number Ten. to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America, for the term of two years from the third day of March next—

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the several meeting houses in Town as the Law requires— Hereof fail not, and give return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, at the time & place of holding said meeting— Given under our hands this Twenty ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & thirty-four—

Saml. Rounselle Jonathan Cobb Selectmen
Ethan Peirce Nathl Staples Middleboro

Plymouth Jr Dec 15th 1834. I served the within Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the several meeting houses in this Town two sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting

Abel Wood Constable of Middleboro

Gave in their votes for a Representative to Congress which being sorted & counted were as follows—

For Nathaniel B. Borden 215 votes

For William Baylies 261

For Cromwell Washburn 2

Attest H. Tinkham Town Clerk

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Winding for choice of Rep to Congress. 3^d Trial

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The inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday the 19th day of January. 1835 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned, of which the following is a true copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

To either of the Constables of the town of Middleboro in the County of Plymouth.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro duly qualified by the Constitution & laws of this Commonwealth to vote in state Elections, to meet at the town house in Middleboro on Monday the nineteenth day of January ^{instant} ~~next~~ at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, then & there to give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Representative in the Twenty-fourth Congress of the United States of America in the Tenth Congressional District of Massachusetts— And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof at the several meeting houses, in said Middleboro in due time as the law requires— And also you will please to give notice that the Poll will commence at the time named aforesaid, & continue until three o'clock P.M. at which hour precisely the balloting will be done. Witness my hand & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty-five.

Jonathan Cobb

Nathl Staples

Plymouth, Jan. 12th 1835

I served the within warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the several meeting houses in said town two Sabbaths before the time of holding & making.

Abiel Wood Constable of Middleboro

Gave in their votes for a Representative to Congress, which being sorted and counted were as follows—

For Nathaniel B. Borden	541	Votes
William Baylies	394	"
Thomas Wood	1	"

Attest J. Tinkham Town Clerk

1835

Annual March Meeting March 9th 1835

Whereas The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Tenth Day of March 1835 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true Copy Viz.

Plymouth ss. To any Constable of the Town of Middleboro in said County Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble and meet together at their Town House on Monday the ninth day of March next at 12 o'clock M. to act on the following business Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2nd To choose all Town Officers required by law to be chosen in the month of March or April annually.
- 3rd To choose a Committee to receive and allow accounts against the town.
- 4th To raise such sum of Money as the town may think proper for the repairs of the high ways in the town and determine the time and manner in which the same shall be expended.
- 5th To see if the town will authorize their Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by snow in the several Districts in the same manner, the same might be done if no Money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways for the present year.
- 6th To choose Inspectors of the Flewice Fishery.
- 7th To dispose of the Privilege of taking the Fish called Flewices, at the several fishing places in said town the present year, upon such terms and conditions as the town shall deem proper.
- 8th To choose a Committee to see that the fish called Flewices have a convenient passage through the several Dams the present year.
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and Report the state of the Treasury.

Annual March Meeting Continued

- 10th To determine the manner of collecting the Taxes to be assessed in the town the present year, and to vote a compensation to their Treasurer.
- 11th To hear the report of the Selectmen on laying out or altering any Road or Roads and adopt the same or otherwise.
- 12th To allow demands against the town, and order payment, as they shall see cause.
- 13th To restrain neat Cattle and Horses from going at large the present year, if they shall see cause.
- 14th To choose a Pound Keeper
- 15th To choose some person to keep the key of the Town house
- 16th To choose a Committee to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Town house for the year 1835
- 17th To hear the request of H. G. Wood and others, in relation to a proposed alteration in certain School Districts
- 18th To see what measures it is advisable to adopt in relation to the Apportionment of Money for the support of Schools, and act on any thing thereon as they shall see cause.

And if fail not to make return of this Warrant & of your doings thereon, on or before the said day of meeting. Given under our hands at Middleboro this Tenth day of Feb^y in the year 1835
(Signed) Gamaliel Rounseville } Selectmen of
Nathaniel Staples } Middleboro
Jonathan Cobb }

Plymouth ss. March 2nd 1835
I served this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at the several public meeting houses in said town two Sabbaths before the time of holding this meeting.
Attest
Abiel Wood Constable
of Middleborough

1835 Annual Ward Meeting ^{Page 223} continued

Voted & made choice of Isaac Stevens Esq Moderator
The following persons were then elected to the
several offices designated. viz.

Allen Shaw Clerk
Messrs Bradford Harlow
Jonathan Cobb
Luther Washburn
Nathaniel Staples
Gam'l Rounseville } Selectmen

Allen Shaw Treasurer & collector.

Constables.

Joseph Clark S. Oliver & Harvey William Murdoch
Cisdale Leonard Stillman Benson Ebur Briggs Leonard Ash

Surveyors of Highways

Ruel Howard	David Wood	Jacob Bennett	Erna Maxim
Joshua Bishop	Sony Jefferson	Clark Shurtliff	Wra Shaw
Zach. H. Rider	Alford Shaw	Lewis Harlow	Elisha Tucker
Hinslow Thomas	Simmon M. Ratt	Eli Williams	Vilas Pickens
Ruel Thompson	Chiah Wood	Joseph Clark's	Inson Rice
Isaac Ratt	Hiram Smith	Orin Howard	Joshua S. Barre
Erna Drake	Lewis Soule	Sam'l H. Thickett	Abraham Cushman
Sirabas Eaton	Jason Willard	Obadiah Binkham	Obadiah Ellis
Willard Clark	John Clark	Alva Binkham	John Allen
Cisdale Leonard	Stephen Harlow	Jonathan Kennedy	Lebalon C. C.
Montgomery	Obadiah Clark	Nathan Freeman	Josiah Baker
Andrew B. Cobb	Lewis Thomas	Abiel Pierce	Abiel P. Booth
Isa Perry	Jacob Thomas	Zenas Cushman	Sam'l Robbins
Ephraim Ward	Heedard Tucker	Martin Mills	

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Surveyors of Lumber. Levi Binkham & James Sprout
Girah Winslow Josephas Cobb. Elisha Clark
George Cox Seth Eaton Andrew Weston
Daniel Briggs George H. Wood Alonzo J. Benson
Earl Sprout

Ward Viewers & Field Drivers

Benja Shaw	Daniel Alden	Job Alden
Levi Binkham	Obadiah Ellis	Nathl Macomber
Harvey Binkham	Nathl Sampson	Silvanus Hinckley
Erna Chase	Hopistill Besheer	Leathrop Thomas
Jacob Thompson	Philander Washburn	David Alden Jr.
Zattu Pickens	Rufus B. Thomas	Gam'l Rounseville
Wra Ashley	Luther Murdock	Garul Thresher
Earl Bourne	Judson Briggs	Ethanah Taghan
Caleb Alden	Erna Harlow	Samuel Kear
Alexander Wood	Olis Southworth	Nathan Vider
Solomon Beals	Thomas Weston	Seth Cummings
Abadiak Sampson	Apollon Washkins	Lewis Reed Jr.
Abiel Booth		

Nothing more

Humphrey Alden, Solomon White.

Overseers of the Poor

Seth Miller Esq Ephraim Leach Benja P. Wood.

School Committee

Bradford Harlow Jonathan Cobb Luther Washburn
Nathaniel Staples Gam'l Rounseville

Prudential Committee of School Districts

Nathl Eddy	Atis Perry	Ureahs Richmond
Levi Thomas	Job Lucas	Parmenas Sampson
Luther Murdock	Francis Wood Jr	Zephaniah Shaw
Erza Chase	George W Snow	Williams Eaton
Thomas Wood	Thomas Lovell	John W Pierce
Morton Freeman	Atis Thomas	Clearer Casarell
Olanson Darling	Edward Barden	Abiel P Booth
Eben: Ellis	Lothrop Thomas	Asa Holloway
Eben: Benson	Joseph Barker	Zebulon Shaw
Lucas Bishop	Amos Raymond	Levi Haskins
Nathl Pinkham	Andrew Haskins	Elkanah Williams
Ellis Griffith	Clearer Richmond	Noah Ashley
Levi Alwood	Edwin Leach	Saml P Briggs
		Gideon Haskins

Auditors

Joshua Eddy Andrew Nelson Seth Eaton Horatio A Shaw
George W Wood Seth Miller Stillman Benson
Eben: Pickens Eben: Stetbridge

Voted to choose a committee of 5 Persons to take into consideration the sum of money necessary to be expended on the Roads the present year & the way & manner the same shall be expended; and make a report at the next meeting.

Chose George W Wood Jonathan Cobb Luther Washburn
Gen. Ephraim Ward Isaac Stevens.

Voted to authorize Surveyors of highways to remove obstructions occasioned by snow in the same manner the same might have been done, had no money been raised for repairing the highways the present year.

Voted to sell the privilege of taking the fish called Alewives, in the same way & manner they were sold the last year. Chose Wm Bourne Esq Auctioneer.

The following sale commenced.

First Sale Stilling mill Privilege to Seth Eaton \$131.
Old Ware to John Standish 101.
Appawampsett Brook to Elijah Alden 14.
\$245.

Second Sale The whole were sold to Jas G. Cushman for \$355.
Messrs Erza Chase Silvanus Hinkley Elijah Alden
& Gam: Rouseville were offered by Mr Cushman
as Sureties & accepted by the town.

Whiceway Men

Seth Eaton Jacob Barrows John Barden

Committee to settle with Treasr

William Bourne James Jackson Nathl Staples

Inspectors of Fishery

Capt Wm Murdock, Parmenas Sampson, James G. Cushman, Silas Hinkley, Erza Chase, Jacob Barrows were chosen to serve at the expense of the purchasers of the fishery - and Zebulon Shaw was chosen to serve at the expense of the town.

Voted to collect the Taxes in the same way & manner they were collected the last year with the same Discount for prompt Payment.

Voted to restrain neat cattle & Horses from going at large the present year.

Voted that the Treasr & Collector be allowed Fifty Dollars for his services the present year.

Chose Benj: Thompson Poundkeeper & to keep the Key to the Town house.

Voted that the Overseer of the Poor be Authorized & instructed to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Almshouse for the year 1835.

1835 Annual March Meeting Continued

Voted and referred the request of Hap. Wood & others in relation to an alteration in certain School Districts to the Selectmen.

Voted that the apportionment of money for the support of Schools be made in the same manner as it was the last year.

Voted to adjourn to the 1st Monday in April next at 2 o'clock.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adj^t

April 6th

The Annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment, H. Stevens Esq Moderator.

Voted to excuse Ebenezer Ellis from serving as School Agent & chose George Wood in his stead.

Voted to excuse Joshua Le Barron from serving as Surveyor of Highways & chose Amos Benson in his stead.

Voted to excuse Seth Cummings from serving as Fence Viewer & Field Officer & chose Isaac Pierce in his stead.

Voted to excuse Lenas Cushman as Surveyor of Highways & chose Bradford Harlow in his stead.

Voted to excuse Leonard Ashby from serving as Constable & chose Abel Booth in his stead.

Voted to excuse Levi Thomas as Surveyor of Highways & chose Capt Nathl Bump in his stead.

Voted & chose Samuel Miller Fence Viewer & Field Officer & chose Capt Southworth Ellis Constable.

Voted to raise the sum of three thousand dollars by tax to be paid in Labour & Materials, in repairing the Highways the present year.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer & report the state of the Treasury made a Report which was by vote accepted & is on file.

Annual March Meeting by Adj^t Continued

April 6th

Inspectors of Fishery

Seth Eaton Esq Capt Nathan Perkins William E. Bumpkin Cyrus Perkins Richard Leonard Jesse Holmes Luther Wurdock Thomas Snow Abner Leonard & Obadiah Sampson Jr, were chosen at the expense of the Purchasers of the Fishery.

Voted to discharge the Selectmen from their duty in relation to an alteration in certain School Districts; And Voted also that the lot of Land opposite the Cotton Factory of Pierce & Wood & known by the name of the Abraham Miller lot be together with the Buildings & families thereon, set off from School District No 15 and annexed to School District No 37.

Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at 2 P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

May 4th 1835. The annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment, H. Stevens Esq Moderator.

No business coming before the meeting.

Voted to adjourn to the next town Meeting to be holden in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

May 25th 1835. The annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment, Capt Jonathan Cobb chosen Moderator Protem.

Under the 12th Article Mr Edward Sparrow presented an account of \$14.50 for Labour done on the Road at Fall Brook, which the town Voted not to accept of.

Voted to adjourn to the next Meeting to be holden in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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April Meeting April 5th 1835

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro; at a Legal Meeting holden on the 5th day of April A.D. 1835 pursuant to a Warrant for that purpose, of which the following is a true copy. Viz.

Plymouth ss. To any Constable of the town of Middleboro.

Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Middleboro qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet together at their Town house in said town on Monday the 5th day of April next at one o'clock P.M. to act on the following business

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
 - 2d To hear the request of Calvin Southworth to be set off from School District No 27 & annexed to District No 30, & act any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
 - 3d To hear the request of George Williams to have a town Pound Located in the westerly part of S town, and act thereon as they shall see cause.
 - 4th To raise such sum of Money as the town shall see cause, to defray the current expenses of the year & direct the time when the same shall be Assessed & Collected.
 - 5th To see what the town will do in relation to an Indictment on the Beach Woods Road & act any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
 - 6th To see if the town will adopt any method of saving Fuel in their Almshouse, & act thereon as they see cause.
 - 7th To hear the Report of the Overseers of the Poor & act any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
- Whereof fail not to make return of this warrant & of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the said time of Meeting.

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Given under our hands at Middleboro, aforesaid, this 14th day of March A.D. 1835.

(Signed) Bradford Karlow
Gerrit Rounsaville } Selectmen
Nathaniel Staples } of Middleboro

Plymouth ss. March 24th 1835.

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of S town by posting up notices at the several Meeting houses in S town. Joseph Clark, Constable.

Voted & chose N. Stevens Esq Moderator.

Voted to set Calvin Southworth & his estate to School District No 30. (Article 4th Page over)

Voted to raise the sum of Five thousand Dollars, by a Tax - the same to be assessed & paid in at the same time, & in the same manner as last year, & with the same discount for prompt payment.

Voted to appropriate the sum of Two thousand Dollars to the support of Schools the present year, & proportioned as follows

Voted that the Treasurer shall not pay any money for the support of Schools till the first of Jan'y 1836

Voted that the Treasurer shall be instructed not to pay any Interest on any demand without instructions from the town

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor shall adopt such measures in relation to the saving of Fuel as they shall think proper

The Overseers of the Poor made their annual report which was by Vote accepted & is on file

Voted & chose Judge W. Wood, an Agent in relation to an Indictment on the Beach Woods Road.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest J. Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting May 4th 1855

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, holden at their Town house, on Monday the 4th day of May, A.D. 1855, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true copy viz -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth, Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, you are required to Notify & Warn, all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in Elections & other Town affairs, to assemble and meet together at their Town House, in Middleborough, on Monday the fourth day of May next at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following business, to wit.

First. To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen on one Ticket, for Three County Commissioners, being inhabitants of different Towns, in our County of Plymouth, and also at the same time, to give in their Votes for Two Special Commissioners, on one Ticket, being inhabitants as aforesaid of different Towns in said County of Plymouth, to the Selectmen as aforesaid.

Second To choose a Moderator, to govern a Meeting for the following purposes (at the same time) viz.

First To see what said town will do, with the Land, owned, by said Town, (called, the Saml Harlow Land) whether they will buy, sell or otherwise dispose of the same, at this time & act any thing thereon.

Second To see if said Town will, instruct their Sturtevant Committee, or choose an other Committee for the purpose of getting, an alteration, in the fish way, at the Dam, called Kings dam, in Raynham & Taunton; and to act any thing thereon the town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up Copies thereof at the several Meeting Houses in the

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Town of Middleborough in due time, as the Law requires. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time & place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty five.

Jonathan Cobb
Luther Tashburn
Nathaniel Staples
Saml. Brounseville } Selectmen
Middleborough

Plymouth ss. April 25th 1855.

By virtue of this Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting houses in said town as within directed

Joseph Clark's Constable

Gave in their Votes for Commissioners and Special Commissioners which being sorted & counted were as follows

David Oldham	had	195	votes	} For Commissioners
Samuel Thompson	"	195	"	
Gershom Weston	"	190	"	
John B. Turner	"	153	"	
Isaac Alden	"	157	"	
Thomas Savory	"	153	"	} For Special Commissioners
Erza Kingman	"	1	"	
Erza Kingman	"	191	"	
Isaac Bartlett	"	191	"	
Gesse Perkins	"	162	"	
Jonathan Parker	"	150	"	} For Special Commissioners
Solomon Alden	"	3	"	
Wm. Bourne	"	2	"	
Haron Hobart	"	1	"	

Voted & chose Seth Eaton Esq. Moderator

Voted That the Selectmen be authorised to sell the land belonging to the town sett off from Saml Harlow

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at any time within one year, if they can, in their opinion, get a fair price for it, & to make a deed thereof, & that they be authorized to lease the same for the present year, in case they shall not make sale of it immediately.

Vote 3
Voted & chose Gam: Rounsaville & Lyssander Wood in addition to their present Sluiceway Men, Also Voted to authorize & instruct their Sluiceway men to take such measures to make good & sufficient ways for the fish at said Kings Dam as in their opinion shall be most advisable.

Voted & Dissolved this Meeting.
Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 28th 1835

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, holden at their town house, on Thursday the 28th day of May 1835, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true Copy Viz -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Plymouth ss.

I, either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County of Plymouth.
Greeting

On the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to notify & warn all the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Thursday the Twenty-eighth day of May instant, at two o'clock in the afternoon, then & there to give in their Votes to the selectmen for one County Commissioner for the said County of Plymouth. Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant

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Given under our hands this Sixteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty five

Bradford Harlow
Jonathan Cobb
Nathaniel Stoughton
Gam: Rounsaville
Luther Washburne
Selectmen of Middleborough.

Plymouth ss. May 15th 1835.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Middleborough, by posting up notices at the several meeting houses in said town as within directed. Joseph Clark's, Constable

Gave in their Votes for one Commissioner which being sorted and counted, were as follows

For Samuel Thompson 39 Votes
" Isaac Alden 33 "
" Bartholomew Brown 25 "
" Solomon Alden Jr 2 "
" Josiah J. Ellis 1 "
" George M. Wood 1 "

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

June 22nd At a Meeting for the purpose of choosing one County Commissioner, the Annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment. C. Stevens Esq Moderator.

No business coming before the meeting, Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting to be holden in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting June 22 1835

We a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, holden at their Town House, on Monday the 22 day of June 1835, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true Copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County of Plymouth
Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to Notify & Warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, who are qualified to Vote for Representatives to the General Court, to assemble & meet together at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the twenty second day of June, instant, at Two O'Clock in the afternoon; To give in their Votes to the Selectmen, for one County Commissioner, for the County of Plymouth (being an Inhabitant of a different Town from either of those already elected.) And you are also further required, to notify and warn, the inhabitants of said, qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet on the same day & at the same place aforesaid, at Three O'Clock P.M. to act on the following article, to wit:

Beach
Roads
Road

To see if the Town will take the subject of the Beach Woods Road into consideration, and to act anything thereon in relation to the same, which they may deem most expedient. And you are directed to serve this Warrant as the Law requires.

Hereof fail not, and make return of your doings thereon, at the time and place of the Meeting aforesaid Given under our hands this Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord, Eighteen Hundred and thirty five

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(Signed)

Saml Rounseville
Jonathan Cook
Brother Washburn
Wm. Daniel Staples } Selectmen
of
Middleborough

Plymouth ss. June 12th 1835—

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough as within directed, by posting up Notices at the several Meeting houses in said town.

Joseph Clark's Constable gave in their Votes for one Commissioner which being sorted & counted, were as follows:

Ben Isaac Alden	98	Votes
Samuel Thompson	39	"
Solomon Alden	1	"
Bradford Harlow	1	"
Allen Shaw	1	"

Voted and chose Seth Eaton by Moderator.

Voted & chose a Committee of 5 Persons to take into consideration the subject of the Beach Woods Road
Viz Seth Eaton by William H. Sturtevant Elias

Sampson Jr Capt Samuel Thompson & Foster Pinkham Voted, that said Committee in behalf of the Town Petition the Court of Commissioners for a discontinuance of the Beach Woods Road
Voted, that said Committee take such further measures as they shall deem proper to obtain a discontinuance of said Road

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town Meeting at 3 O'Clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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 1835 Annual November Meeting for the choice of
 Governor, Lt. Gov. Senators & Representatives.

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being
 duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the ninth
 day of November AD. 1835 pursuant to a Warrant
 duly issued & returned, of which the following is a
 true Copy. To Wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough
 in the County of Plymouth, Greeting.
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 You are hereby required to notify and warn all the
 Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are duly
 qualified by Law, to Vote in Elections, to assemble and
 meet together, at the Town House in Middleborough
 on Monday the Ninth day of November next, at Twelve
 o'clock, noon, being the second Monday in said Month.

- Then and there,
 First. To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a
 Governor and Lieutenant Governor, of the Common-
 wealth, and two Senators for the district of Plymouth
 on one ballot, for the year ensuing.
 Second. To determine the number of Representatives
 said town will choose for the ensuing year.
 Third. To choose one or more Representatives to repre-
 sent them in the General Court to be holden at
 Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.
 And also,

To see what the Town will do in relation to
 an Indictment found against them, at the August
 Term of the Court of Common Pleas last, at Plymouth
 for the Road or Highway, leading from the Highway
 passing by the School House, on the Assawamisset creek
 Southwesterly, to the line of Duxtown. being out of repair
 &c. as set forth in a Summons here at hand.
 And also. Second. To see what the Town will do,

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in relation to a Complaint of Mr. George Thompson, now
 pending before the Grand Jury, for suffering the High-
 way near his House to be filled up, and encumbered with
 Wood & Lumber &c. and to do any thing thereon.
 And you are directed to serve this Warrant according
 to Law. Hereof fail not, and make due return of the
 same with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen
 at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twelfth day of
 October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 Hundred & thirty five.

Bradford Harlow }
 Jonathan Cobb } Selectmen
 Luther Washburn } of
 Nathl. Staples } Middleborough
 Gaml. Rousewell }

Plymouth ss. Oct 18th 1835.
 By Order of this Warrant I have notified the
 Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough by
 posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in
 said town as within directed.

Joseph Clark's Constable.
 gave in their Votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor & Senators,
 which being sorted & counted were as follows.

For Governor	Marcus Norton	had	281	Votes
	Edward Everett	"	242	"
	Ruben Hafford	"	1	"
For Lieut. Gov.	William Foster	"	311	"
	George Hull	"	209	"
	Zebulon L. Canedy	"	1	"
For Senators	John B. Gurner	"	279	"
	Abel Kingman	"	281	"
	John A. Shaw	"	208	"
	Gotham Lincoln	"	207	"
	William Hafford	"	1	"

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Voted - To choose six Representatives, to Represent this Town in the next General Court.

Told by Ballot & made choice of the following Gentlemen
 Viz Andrew Haskins Ansel Benson

Garnabell Rounseville Jonathan Cobb
 George Atwood Reuben Hafford

The whole number of Votes given in, and for whom, being as follows

Andrew Haskins	260	Samuel Miller	218	Elisha Richmond	2
Ansel Benson	256	Levi Haskins	208	Eben. T. Soule	2
Garnabell Rounseville	260	Etis Soule	200	George W. Wood	3
Jonathan Cobb	471	Ebenzer Pickens	208	Timothy Leonard	1
George Atwood	259	Isaac Pratt	184	John Miller	2
Reuben Hafford	256	Joshua Haskings	2	Bradford Harlow	1

Voted. And chose George W. Wood Moderator to govern the remaining part of the meeting.

The article in relation to an Indictment found against the town for a bad Road on Assawamutt & back, was taken up and, Voted to choose an Agent to put off the Indictment against the Road until the town shall have a proper time to repair it.

Chose Wm. Wood by Agent for the above purpose
 Article 8 In relation to a complaint before the Grand Jury for obstructions in the Road near George Thompsons
 Chose Ira Shaw an Agent to complain to the Grand Jury against the owners of the Lumber etc. & they do not remove the Lumber previous to the next meeting
 Voted to dissolve the Meeting

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting by Adjournment.

Nov 9th 1835 The Annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. George W. Wood chosen Moderator
 Protem - No business coming before the Meeting
 Voted to adjourn to the next town Meeting
 at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest I Shaw Town Clerk

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1835 Annual Meeting, March 7th 1835

March 7th The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1835 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned, of which the following is a true Copy Ver. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in our County of Plymouth. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, you are required to Notify and Warn, all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, on Monday the Seventh day of March next, at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following business, viz —

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2d To choose all Town officers, required by Law to be chosen, in the Month of March or April, annually.
- 3d To choose a Committee to receive and allow accounts against the Town.
- 4th To raise such sum of Money as the Town may think proper for the repairs of the Highways and Bridges, in the Town, and determine the time and manner in which the same shall be expended.
- 5th To see if the Town will authorise their Surveyors, of Highways, to remove obstructions occasioned by Snow, in the several Districts, in the same manner, the same might be done if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways & Bridges, for the present year.
- 6th To dispose of the privilege of taking Herrings, at the several fishing places in said Town, the present year, upon such terms as the Town shall deem proper.
- 7th To choose a Committee to see that the Herrings have a good and sufficient passage way through the several Dams the present year.
- 8th To choose Inspectors, of the Herring Fishery.
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & Report the state of the Treasury.

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- 10th To determine the method of collecting the Taxes to be assessed in the Town the present year, and to Vote the compensation, to their collector and Treasurer.
- 11th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the laying out or altering, any Road or highways; and also in relation to the regulation of the Ferry Box. And also in relation to adopt the same, or otherwise, as they may see cause.
- 12th To allow demands against the Town and order payment as they shall see cause.
- 13th To restrain neat cattle & Horses, from going at large, the present year, if they shall see cause.
- 14th To choose a Pound Keeper.
- 15th To choose some person to keep the keys of the Town House.
- 16th To choose a Committee to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Almshouse for the year ending.
- 17th To see what method the Town will adopt in relation to the apportionment of Money for the support of Schools the present year, and to act on anything thereon, as they shall see cause.
- 18th To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to widen & alter the Highway leading from the Red School House in the Assawamset neck to Free town line, now under Indictment.
- 19th To determine what measures (after hearing the report of their Committee upon the subject of the Beachwood Road) they will take relative to opening and building said Road, and to instruct their Committee to apply to the County Commissioners to have a further time to build said Road & pray for an allowance from the County towards defraying the charges thereof.
- 20th To see if the Town will order a new Valuation to be taken the present year, of all the Taxable property within the limits of the same, and of all persons liable to Taxation, and if so to choose a number of proper persons to carry the order into effect in season to have the next assessment predicated upon a new Valuation, and to act on anything in relation to this article the Town may think most proper.

1835 Annual March Meeting. ^{Page 246} March 7th 1835.

March 7th The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the seventh day of March A.D. 1835 pursuant to a warrant duly issued & returned, of which the following is a true copy Vol. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in our County of Plymouth. Greeting.

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- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2d To choose all Town officers, required by Law to be chosen, in the Month of March or April, annually.
- 3d To choose a Committee to receive and allow accounts against the Town.
- 4th To raise such sum of Money as the Town may think proper for the repairs of the Highways and Bridges, in the Town, and determine the time and manner in which the same shall be expended.
- 5th To see if the Town will authorise their Surveyors, of Highways, to remove obstructions occasioned by Snow, in the several Districts, in the same manner, the same might be done if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways & Bridges, for the present year.
- 6th To dispose of the privilege of taking Herrings, at the several fishing places in said Town, the present year, upon such terms as the Town shall deem proper.
- 7th To choose a Committee to see that the Herrings have a good and sufficient passage way through the several Dams the present year.
- 8th To choose Inspectors, of the Herring Fishery.
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & Report the state of the Treasury.

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- 10th To determine the method of collecting the Taxes to be assessed in the Town the present year, and to Vote the compensation, to their collector and Treasurer.
- 11th To hear the report of the Selectmen on the laying out or altering, any Road or highways, and also in relation to the regulation of the Jury Box. And also in relation to adopt the same, or otherwise, as they may see cause.
- 12th To allow demands against the Town and order payment as they shall see cause.
- 13th To restrain neat cattle & Horses, from going at large, the present year, if they shall see cause.
- 14th To choose a Pound Keeper.
- 15th To choose some person to keep the keys of the Town House.
- 16th To choose a Committee to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Alms-house for the year in 1835.
- 17th To see what method the Town will adopt in relation to the apportionment of Money for the support of Schools the present year, and to act on anything thereon, as they shall see cause.
- 18th To see if the Town will petition the County Commissioners to widen & alter the Highway leading from the Red School House in the Assawamset neck to Freetown line, now under Indictment.
- 19th To determine what measures (after hearing the report of their Committee upon the subject of the Beachwood Road) they will take relative to opening and building said Road, and to instruct their Committee to apply to the County Commissioners to have a further time to build said Road & pray for an allowance from the County towards defraying the charges thereof.
- 20th To see if the Town will order a new Valuation to be taken the present year, of all the Taxable property within the limits of the same, and of all persons liable to Taxation, and if so to choose a number of proper persons to carry the order into effect in season to have the next assessment predicated upon a new Valuation, and to act on anything in relation to this article the Town may think most proper.

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And you are required to serve this Warrant as the Law directs, and in season to give due notice. Hereof fail not, and make return of the same to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our Hands this eighth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred & Thirty Six

(signed) Luther Washburn } Selectmen
Nathaniel Staples }
Garnet Rounseville } Middleborough

Plymouth ss. February 13th 1836.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to meet at their Town-house as within directed by posting notices at the several Meeting Houses in & about

Joseph Clark's Constable
Voted & made choice of George M. Wood Moderator
The following persons were then elected to the several Offices designated. Viz —

Allen Shaw Clerk.
Messrs. Bradford Harlow }
Jonathan Cobb } Selectmen
Luther Washburn }
Nathaniel Staples }
Garnet Rounseville }

Allen Shaw Treasurer & Collector.

Constables.

Joseph Clark's Silvanus Hinckley
William Murdock Disdale Leonard
Stillman Benson Thomas Lazelle
Abraham Pierce Southworth Ellisgr

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Surveyors of Highways

Seth Miller	Simon H. Pratt	Solomon White	Edson Ellis
Josiah Perkins	Lysander Wood	Abner C. Burrows	Samuel Bear
Joshua W. Rider	Hiram Smith	John Leonard Jr	Zebulon Canning
Seneca Thomas	Lewis Soule	Amasa Thompson	Joshua Baker
Russell Thompson	Richard Sampson	Nathan Sherman	Nathaniel Caswell
Zebulon K. Pratt	Bela Kingman	Capt Jacob Thompson	Caleb Bassett Jr
Capt Levi Morse	Thomas Washburn	Wm S. Eddy	Adoniam Lushman
Zebidie Leonard	Leonard Hinds	Stillman Benson	Alden C. Biskie
Enos Parris	Col John Weston	Wm Cornish	
Leonard Washburn	Micah Leonard	Elisha Tucker	
Caleb Tinkham	John Warren	Silas Pickens Jr	
Capt Joseph Clark	John Keith	Silas Pierce	
Asa Perry	Thomas Wood	Consider Clark	
William Benson	Levi Haskins	Abraham Lushman	
John Shaw	Eden Pickens		
Stephen Griffith	Oliver Thomas		
William Shaw			

Surveyors of Lumber

Levi Tinkham &
James Sprout Josiah Winslow Jonathan Cobb
Elisha Clark George Cox Seth Eaton Esq
Williams Eaton Daniel Briggs George M. Wood.
Monroe Benson James Warren

Peace Viewers & Field Drivers

Wm Shaw	Solomon Beals	John Ramsdall	Garnet Rounseville
Levi Tinkham	Parmenas Sampson	Gudson Briggs	Seth Caswell
Barney Tinkham	Abiel Booth	Alex. Canady	Brooker Cobb
Enos Chase	Daniel Alden	Daniel Eaton	Elkanah William
Jacob Thompson	Eden Ellis	David Caswell	Samuel Rider
Zetta Pickens Jr	Nathaniel Sampson	Job Alder	Abner Harvey
Noah Ashley	Clark Shurtliff	Nathaniel Macomber	Ansie Smith
Earl Bourne	Eden Beals	Daniel Sawyer Jr	Salman Caswell
Caleb Alden	Rufus Thomas	Lothrop Thomas	Disdale Leonard
Lysander Wood	Adnah Jackson	Enoch Weston	

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Isaac Stevens by Jonathan Leonard

Overseers of the Poor

Seth Miller by Joseph Clark's bid Benj. R. Wood

School Committee

Bradford Harlow Jonathan Cobb Luther Washburn

Nathaniel Staples Gam. R. Rensselle

Prudential Committee of School Districts

Harrison Clark	Job Lucas	Elijah Alden
Benjamin B. Sault	Francis Wood Jr	Calvin Shaw
Adnah Jackson	David Curtis	Josiah Robinson
Benj. Robbins	Benj. R. Wood	D. Lamb. W. Briggs
George W. Finkham	Cephas Shaw	Allen Shaw
Conrad Fuller	Perer Doggett	Leonard Ashley
Calvin Alden	Harry C. Thomas	Samuel Hoar
George Atwood	Edward Sparrow	Job Parris
Horatio D. Thomas	Peregrine W. Searcy	Silas Pickens Jr
Foster Keith	Timothy Leonard	Henry Thras her
William Atwood &	Olis Finkham	Simson Baker
Sam. A. Thomas	Warren Dunham	Samuel P. Briggs
Wm. D. Wood	Luther C. Macomber	Hydon Haskins
Nathaniel Cushing		

Auditors

William Bourne Abigail D. Clark Silas Pickens

Horatio D. Thomas George W. Wood John Warden

Stillman Benson Ebenezer Pickens Joseph Barker

Voted to raise fifteen Hundred Dollars for the repairs of Highways the present year.

Voted to expend three fourths of said sum before the first of July & the rest before the expiration of the year.

Voted to raise the additional sum of fifteen Hundred Dollars for the same purpose; the whole to be expended at the last year.

Voted to pass over the fifth Article

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Voted to sell the privilege of taking the Herring at Auction in the same manner they were sold last year whose Nath. Staples Auctioneer.

The following Sale commenced

First Sale Slitting mill privilege to Seth Eaton for \$130.

Old Ware to Daniel Atwood 10.

Assawamsett Brook to Henry Bryant 10.
\$200.

Second Sale. The whole were sold to Daniel Atwood for \$307.

Asses Isaac Lyon & Albert Thomas were offered by

Mr. Atwood as Surities & accepted by the town

Highway Men

Seth Eaton Jacob Barrows Silvanus Burrows.

Voted to pass over the eighth Article

Committee to settle with Treasurer

Wm. Bourne by Wilkes Wood by Gen. Abel Washburn

Voted to pass over the tenth & eleventh Articles.

Voted & chose George [redacted] an Agent to take care of an delin commenced [redacted] down by D. J. [redacted] in the manner he would if it was his own care.

Passed over the thirteenth fourteenth fifteenth & sixteenth Articles.

Voted that the Town do not oppose the Petition of Nath. Staples & others to widen & alter the highway leading from the Red School House in the Assawamsett neck, to Freetown line, now under indictment.

Voted & chose Seth Eaton by an Agent to apply to the County Commissioners for an allowance from the County towards building the Beach Woods Road.

Voted to submit the List of Jurors now in the hands of the Selectmen to a Committee of 5 Persons & report their doings thereon at the next meeting.

Chose John Weston Silvanus Burrows Wm. Bourne

Abel Washburn & Seth Eaton for a Committee

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the 1st Monday in April next at 1 o'clock P.M. [redacted] of Shaw Town Clerk

1836 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

April 7th The Annual March Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. George M. Wood Moderator.

Voted to excuse Leonard Hinds from serving as Surveyor of Highways & chose Seth Keene in his stead.

Voted to excuse Thomas Laxell from serving as Constable & chose Capt Joseph Barker in his stead.

Voted to excuse William Shaw from serving as Surveyor of Highways & chose Benjamin Shaw in his stead.

Voted to excuse Abraham Pierce from serving as Constable & chose Zebulon L. Conedy in his stead.

Voted to excuse Sisdale Leonard from serving as Constable & chose James Leonard in his stead.

Voted & chose Edward Sparrow Pierce Newer & Child Driver

" & chose Albert Barrows " " " "

Voted To authorise Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by snow in the same manner the same might have been done, had no money been raised for the repairing the Highways the present year.

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer & Report the state of the Treasury - made a Report which was by Vote accepted & is on file.

Voted To collect the Taxes in the same way & manner they were collected the last year, with the same Discount for prompt payment.

Voted that the Treas. & Collector be allowed fifty dollars for his services the present year.

The Committee appointed by the town at the last meeting for the purpose of examining a List of Jurors then in the hands of the Selectmen, presented a List of Jurors which was by Vote accepted & Recorded in Book containing list of Jurors. Voted and chose George M. Wood Agent to defend the case now pending between Dr. Geo. Sturtevant & the town in the same manner he would were the case his own.

Let 10
200
collect

450
100
100

June

1836 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment

April 7th Voted to restrain neat cattle &c from running at large the present year.

chose Benj. Thompson Pound Keeper & to keep the Key of the Town house the present year.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorised & instructed to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Almshouse for the year 1837.

Voted to apportion the School money the present year as it was apportioned the last year.

Voted to take measures to build the Beach Woodshed within the time the Commissioners have allowed for building said Road.

Voted to chose a Committee of 3 persons to effect the building of S Road & chose the following gentlemen. George M. Wood, Nathaniel Staples & Silas Pickens.

Voted that the Assessors be authorised to take a new valuation the present season in accordance with the 20th Article of the Warrant for March Meeting 1836.

Voted to Reduce the sum of 3000 \$ raised at the last meeting for Highway Taxes to 2500 \$.

Voted that the Assessors make Warrants of Distress to Surveyors of Highways and deliver no Bills to them until they are sworn.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the next town meeting in this place at 1 o'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk
By Mistake the following List of Inspectors of the Herring Fishery was omitted & should have been Recorded before the Record of Adjournment.

Voted And chose Jacob Barrows, Jonathan Standish, Benjamin Caswell, Olney Walker, Thomas Snow, Silas Pickham, Daniel Atwood, Benjamin Atwood, Isaac Thomas, Francis Russell, Abraham Bagant, Charles Bishop, Timothy Leonard, Zebulon Shaw, Otis Southworth, Richard B. Holmes As Inspectors of the Herring Fishery by the owners of the fish.

June

Beach

Wood

Road

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June

June

1836 April Meeting ^{Page 254} April 4th 1836

April 4th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the fourth day of April 1836 Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & Returned, of which the following is a true copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth. Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are required to Notify & Warn, all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified by Law, to Vote & act in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in Middleborough aforesaid, on Monday the fourth day of April next, at one O'clock in the afternoon, being the first Monday in said month of April, then & there to act on the following business.

First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

1st To Raise such a sum of Money as the Town may think necessary for the purpose of defraying the charges against the Town, the present year and appropriate the same as the Town may think proper.

2nd To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer and a County Register.

3rd To see if the Town will set off Hercules Richmond from the school District to which he now belongs and annex him to District No 32.

4th To see what order the Town will adopt, in relation to a suit brought by William H. Sturtevant & against the Town, and to act, any thing in relation thereto, the Town may think proper.

5th To see if the Town will institute an inquiry respecting a certain amount of Bonds in the hands of an individual Townsman, and is supposed properly to belong to the Town; and to act any thing thereon which may be most advisable.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant as the Law requires, and to make due return of the same to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & thirty six.

Bradford Harlow

Luther Washburn

Saml. Staples

Saml. Rounselle

Select men
of
Middleborough

Plymouth ss

I hereby certify that I have Notified & Warned all the Inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the time & place & for the purposes as within directed, by posting up copies of the within Warrant at the several Meeting Houses in said Town in due season.

Middleborough 28th March 1836. Silvanus Hinkley. Constable of Middleborough

Voted And chose Isaac Stevens Esq. Moderator.

Voted To Raise the sum of 4400. \$ to defray the expenses of the town the current year.

Voted To appropriate 2500. \$ for the support of Schools the present year, including the sum rec^d from the State School Fund; And one third of 835.68 to be expended for Summer School & two thirds for Winter.

Voted To appropriate 800. \$ in cash for Roads & Bridges independent of the Beach Woods Road.

Voted To Raise 500. \$ in addition to the 4400. \$ already raised to defray the expenses of the town the current year.

Gave in their Votes for County Treasurer and Register.

Rosette Cotton had Forty Six Votes — 46

Also Eliah Ward had Thirty Seven Votes — 37

Gave in their Votes for Register of Deeds &

Rosette Cotton had Thirty Six Votes — 36

Also Eliah Ward had Thirty One Votes — 31

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Voted To refer the fourth Article (in relation to sitting off Hercules Richmond from School Dist. &c.) to the Selectmen, and hear their Report thereon at the next Meeting

Voted To refer the fifth Article in the Warrant in relation to a Suit commenced by Wm. H. Storerant, to the Selectmen with authority to reject it and defend it, or draw an order and settle it as they deem advisable

Voted And chose a Committee of 3 for Wilkes Wood Isaac Stevens & George Wood, to constitute an inquiry in relation to the Sixth Article, & make a Report of the same

The Overseers of the Poor made their Annual report which was by Vote accepted & is in file

Voted To adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting at One O'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Down Meeting of April 4th 1836 by Adjournment

June 8th 1836 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. Isaac Stevens Esq Moderator

Voted That the Treasurer be authorized to hire a Sum of Money to pay for building the Beach Woods Road not exceeding \$2000. at a rate of Interest not exceeding five per cent.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Down Meeting of April 4th 1836 by Adjournment

Oct 10th 1836 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment

The Moderator being absent Chose George W Wood Moderator Protem.

No business coming before this Meeting

Voted to Adjourn to the next Meeting at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Down Meeting of March 7th 1836 by Adjournment

June 8th 1836 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment

George W Wood Moderator.

Voted To add 3 to the Committee previously chosen to effect the Building of the Beach Woods Road

Voted and chose William Bauene Esq & Call S. Pratt

Voted That the Treasurer be directed to pay School Money after the 20th of December next.

Voted & chose Wm Bauene Esq an Agent to go before the County Commissioners and ask for more money to build the Beach Woods Road

Voted And chose Obadiah Sampson Jr Fence Viewer & Field Driver

Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Down Meeting of March 7th 1836 by Adjournment

Oct 10th 1836. This meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment George W Wood Moderator

Voted to extend the time of Building the Beach Woods Road to the middle of November next

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the next meeting at 3 O'clock P.M. Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Down Meeting of March 7th 1836 by Adjournment

Nov 14th 1836 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. No business coming before sitting

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting the next Meeting to holden at this place

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting June 6th 1836.

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough holden at their town House on Monday the 6th day of June 1836 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, served & Returned, of which the following is a true Copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Middleborough in D County. Greeting

On the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, qualified, to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the sixth day of June next at three O'clock in the afternoon, to act on the following articles, to wit;

First. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.

Second To see if the Town will purchase a Wood lot which the Overseers of the Poor have contracted for with the Heirs of John Sinkham Esq deceased, and authorize some person or persons to take a Deed of it in behalf of the D Town.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant as the Law requires, by giving at least eight days notice, before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time & place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty seventh day of May One Thousand, Eight Hundred & thirty six

Saml. Rounsaville } Selectmen
Bradford Harlow } of
Nathl. Staples } Middleborough

Plymouth ss June 2. 1836.

I hereby certify that I have Notified & Warned the

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Inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town Meeting, to meet, at the time and place, and for the purpose, as within directed, by posting up at the several Meeting Houses, in D Town attested Copies of the within Warrant.

Silvanus Hinkley Constable

Voted and chose George W Wood Moderator.

Voted That the Town assume the Bargain which Col Benj. Wood has made with the Heirs of John Sinkham Esq for about twenty Acres of Wood land, and that the Town Treasurer under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor take a Deed of the same to the Town and pay or give security therefor.

Also Voted to authorize the said Overseers to purchase one other lot of D Sinkham's Woodland of about 13 Acres adjoining the above, if the Overseers think it advisable to make such purchase and can make it on reasonable terms.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Oct. 10th 1836

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro, holden at their Town House on Monday the 10th day of October 1836, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued, served & returned, of which the following is a true copy viz

Warrant Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in the County of Plymouth, greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to Notify & Warn, all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleboro on Monday the tenth Day of October next, at One o'clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following Articles, to wit.

Article First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

Second To see if the Town will adopt measures to procure Money, to pay the Builders, of the Bristol County Road, through this Town, and to act any thing in relation thereto, that may be deemed proper.

Third To see if the Town will choose a Committee to take into consideration, the manner most advisable, for Making and repairing the Roads and Highways in the Town and to make report thereon, at the next March Meeting.

Fourth To determine whether the Town will take any method, to have a sufficient passage, for the Herring, by or through the Dam of Horatio Leonard & Co. in Ryeham & Taunton, in the season of their passing up the River, and to act any thing thereon, that may be thought most advisable.

Fifth To sell the Privileges of taking Herring at the several Fishing places in Town, as the Law requires. —
banded forward

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To see if the Town, will cause an alteration in their Herring Act, so that the sale of the privileges may be made for more than one year at a time, and act any thing thereon.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time & place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this twenty ninth day of September One thousand eight Hundred and Thirty Six.

Bradford Harlow }
Luther Washburn } Selectmen
Seth Staples }
Gam: Rounsaville } Middleboro

Plymouth S.S. Oct. 6th 1836.

I hereby Certify that I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of Middleboro, qualified to vote in Town Meeting to meet at the time & place & for the purpose as within directed, by Posting up at the several Meeting Houses in Town Attested Copies of the within Warrant.

Silvanus Hinckley Constable
of Middleborough

Voted & Chose Joseph Jackson Moderator

Voted To instruct the Treasurer to Hire 1750 \$ to pay the contractors for Building the Beach Woods Road, on the best terms he can, & to pay the same on December the 30th 1837.

Voted And chose a Committee agreeable to the third Article consisting of the following Gentlemen viz William Bourne, Joshua Sddy, Seth Miller, Zebulon R. Pratt, Silas Pickens, George W. Wood, Ephraim Ward, Daniel Briggs, Ishai J. Clark, Ansil Benson, Wilkes Wood, Lathrop Thomas, Zebulon L. Canedy

Voted To commit this Article to a Special Committee consisting of five Persons. said committee to see that there is a sufficient passage way for the Herring
run over

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by or through the Dam of Horatio Leonard & Co. in Taunton and Ragnham.

those for a Committee Saml. Bannisonville, Seth Eaton Silvanus Barrows, Jacob Barrows, George W. Wood. Voted to give said committee all the legal Power, that the Town have, to make a sufficient passage way for the Herring to pass by or through the Dam of Horatio Leonard & Co. in Ragnham & Taunton, in the Season of the Herring passing up the Taunton River.

Fifth Voted to pass over this Article

Sixth Voted to instruct the Herring Committee to Petition to the Legislature to sell or dispose of the Herring for any length of time

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Town Meeting at 4 o'clock P.M. Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of Oct 10th 1836 By Adjournment

1836 Nov 14th This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment.

And no business coming before a Meeting

Voted to Adjourn to the next meeting to be holden at this place

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Meeting for choice of Gov. Lieut. Gov. Sen. & Reps. & Electors of Representatives Page 263

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at a legal Meeting holden on the 14th of Nov. A.D. 1836 Pursuant to a Warrant for that purpose duly issued served & Returned, of which the following is a true copy Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the Fourteenth day of November next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday in said Month.

1st First To bring in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and for Two Senators for the District of Plymouth, on one Ballot, for the year ensuing.

2^d Second To give in their Votes for a Representative to the next Congress of the United States, for District number Ten.

3^d Third To give in their Votes for Fourteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, on one Ballot, and each ballot to have at least one Inhabitant of each Congressional district, in the Commonwealth, and against the name of each person the District to which he belongs.

4th Fourth To give in their Votes by ballot for or against a proposed article of amendment to the Constitution, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to a Resolve of the last and present General Court.

5th Fifth To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose, for the ensuing year.

6th Sixth To choose one or more Representatives to represent

them in the General Court to be holden at Boston, on the first Wednesday of January next. And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up Attested copies thereof, at the several Public Meeting Houses in the Town of Middleborough in due time, as the Law directs requires - Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Tenth day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and thirty Six.

Bradford Harlow
Jonathan Cobb
Luther Washburn
Nathaniel Staples
Gamb. Rounseville
Selectmen of Middleboro.

Plymouth ss. I hereby certify that I have notified the Inhabitants of Middleborough to meet at the time and place and for the purposes, as within directed, by posting up attested copies of the within Warrant as the Law requires, at the several Public Meeting Houses, in the Town of Middleborough in due time. Middleborough 5th Nov. 1836. Silvanus Hinkley Constable of Middleborough.

Art 1st The said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor, Lt. Gov. & Senators which being sorted & counted were as follows viz.

The whole number of Ballots were Seven Hundred and forty four.

Gov. Hon. Marcus Morton had 474 votes
Hon. Edward Everett had 270 votes } for Governor

The whole number of Ballots for Lt Governor were 743

Lt Gov. Hon. William Foster had 476 votes
Hon. George Hull had 267 votes } for Lt Governor

Abel Kingman had 478 votes
John B. Turner had 478 votes } For Senators
John A. Shaw had 268 votes
Joseph Meigs had 268 votes

Then gave in their votes for a Representative to the next Congress of the United States for Dist. No 10 The whole number of Ballots were 626

Nathaniel B. Borden had 430 votes
William Baylies had 196 votes

Then gave in their votes for Electors of President & V. President which were as follows viz The whole number of Ballots were 718

At Large Seth Whitmarsh had 452	At Large Nathaniel Silsbee had 266
" " Nathan Willis had 451	" " Edward A. Newton " 266
Dist No 1 Caleb Edgely " 452	Dist No 1 Samuel Appleton " 266
" 2 Robert Rantoul " 452	" 2 Leverett Sanborn " 266
" 3 Joseph Pittsford " 452	" 3 Benjamin Walker " 266
" 4 Francis Tuttle " 452	" 4 Leammie Baldwin " 266
" 5 Samuel Taylor " 452	" 5 Joseph & Kendall " 266
" 6 Samuel C. Allen " 452	" 6 Samuel Lee " 266
" 7 Joseph Fitch " 452	" 7 Thomas Longley " 266
" 8 Harvey Chapin " 452	" 8 Isaac Bates " 266
" 9 Benjamin Williams " 452	" 9 Berahel Taft " 266
" 10 Nathan L. Brownell " 452	" 10 Howard Lathrop " 266
" 11 Thomas Mandell " 452	" 11 Charles W. Morgan " 266
" 12 Gabe P. Thompson " 452	" 12 Charles Holmes " 266

Then gave in their votes on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution &c, which were as follows viz

For the Amendment 368 Yeas
Against the do 60 Nays

5th The Inhabitants then voted to send six Representatives to Represent the Town in the next General Court
6th Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following Persons as Representatives viz see next Page

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Representatives

George Atwood
Jonathan Cobb
Samuel Rounselle
Reuben Hayford
Ephraim Ward
Lathrop Thomas

The whole number of Ballots were 592

The whole number of votes given in and the persons for whom given being as follows viz

George Atwood had	372	Joshua Haskins Jr had	210
Jonathan Cobb "	571	William Nelson "	210
Samt Rounselle "	369	Ebenezer T. Soule "	2
Reuben Hayford "	372	Nisdale Leonard "	1
Ephraim Ward "	360	Standish Rider "	1
Lathrop Thomas "	373	Peter H. Peice "	1
Levi Haskins "	212	Zattu Pickens Jr "	1
Salaman White "	214	Luther Mordack "	1
Israel W. Thompson	207	Abiel Southworth Jr "	1
		Thomas Withan "	1

The Meeting was then dissolved.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

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1837 Annual March Meeting March 13th 1837

March 13th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting, on Monday the thirteenth Day of March A.D. 1837 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz:—

Plymouth ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County, greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at their Town House on Monday the thirteenth day of March next at twelve o'clock A.M. to act on the following Business Viz—

- Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.—
- " 2d To choose all Town Officers to be chosen in the Month of March or April Annually as required by Law.—
- " 3d To choose a Committee to receive and allow accounts against the Town.—
- " 4th To hear all Reports which may be made, and do and act any thing thereon as the Town shall see cause.
- " 5th To raise such sums of Money as the Town may think proper for the repairs of Highways and Bridges in the Town and determine the time and manner the same shall be expended.—
- " 6th To see if the Town will authorize their Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by Snow in the several Districts in the same manner the same might be done if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways and Bridges the present year.—
- " 7th To dispose of the Privilege of taking Curings at the several fishing places in said Town the present year.
- " 8th To choose Inspectors of the Alewife Fishing.
- " 9th To choose a Committee to see that the Alewives have

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a good and sufficient passage way through the several dams the present year.—

- 10th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurers and report the state of the Treasury.—
- 11th To determine the Method of collecting the Taxes the present year and vote the compensation to their Treasurers and Collector.
- 12th To allow demands against the Town and order payment as they shall see cause.
- 13th To see if the Town will restrain neat cattle and Horses from going at large.—
- 14th To choose a pound Keeper Also some person to keep the Key of the Town house.
- 15 To choose a Committee to contract with a suitable person to take charge of the Almshouse the year 1838.
- 16th To see what method the Town will adopt in relation to the apportionment of the School Money the present year and do and act any thing thereon as they shall see cause.
- 17 To see if the Town will repair their Town house and do and act any thing thereon they shall see cause.
- 18th To see if the Town will endeavour to obtain compensation of Horatio Leonard & Co. for obstructing the Alewives by their Dam.
- 19th To see what the Town will do in relation to an Indictment against Long point Road so called.
- 20th To see if the Town will allow interest to the contractors for building the Beach Woods Road.
- 21st To see if the Town will discontinue several pieces of Road connected with the new Beach Woods Road so called.
- 22 To see what the Town will do in relation to the destruction of Crows and act any thing thereon they shall see cause.

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Art 23 To determine what measures they will take to draw their proportion of the Surplus Revenue from the State Treasury and dispose of the same.

And you are required to serve this Warrant as the Law directs. Hereof fail not and make return of the same to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and thirty seven.

Bradford Harlow
Luther Washburn
Nathl. Staples
Jonathan Cobb

Selectmen
of
Middlebury

Return Plymouth ss Feb. 23 1837.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middlebury to meet at their Town house in said Town, as within directed, by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Jos. Clark's Constable

Moderator Voted and made choice of Eliab Ward Moderator

The following persons were then elected to the several Offices designated in —

Allen Shaw Clerk

Mrs. Bradford Harlow

Jonathan Cobb

Luther Washburn

Nathl. Staples

Saml. Rouseville

Allen Shaw Treasurer & Collector

Selectmen

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Constables

Joseph Clark's Manassah Robbins
William Muddock Jisdale Leonard
Alonso Benson Joseph Barker
Zebulon L. Coney Southworth Ellis &c

Surveyors of Highways

Jacob Thomas	Wm. Harlow	Ransom Wood	Jonas Bushman
Richard Clark	John Shaw	Caleb Alden	Calvin Wilson
Wm. Nelson	Abiel Shurtliff	John Keith	Hercules Smith
Dora Weston	Benjamin Savory	Abisha Wood	Elijah Shaw
Philander Thompson	Chas. Smith	Amos Washburn	Epithim Barrows
Isaac Pratt	Luther Thomas	Edw. P. Perkins	James A. Leonard
Andrew Weston	Abiel Gibbs	Cephas Shaw	Reuben Gibbs
Andrew Eaton	James Bushman	Nathan Washburn	Alanson Darling
Jonas H. Perkins	Obadiah Sampson	George Williams	Silas Perkins
Samuel Miller	Morton Thompson	Spencer Eaton	Silas Pierce
Joseph Clark	Dora M. Cully	George Cox	Ansel Benson
Asa Perry	Edw. Weston	Abiel Pierce	Caleb Perkins
John Winslow	Silas Polshley	Caleb Bassett	Thos. J. Wood
John L. Coney	Leonard Ashby	Alden & Bisher	E. Young

Surveyors of Lumber

James Spratt	Levi Vinkhamer
John Winslow	Jonathan Cobb
Elisha Clark	George Cox
Seth Eaton	William Eaton
Daniel Briggs	George W. Wood
Stithman Benson	James Warren

Spittingmen

Jabez Sherman Humphrey Alden

Overseers of Poor

Seth Miller Esq Benj. Wood Joseph Clark's

Shicway Men

Seth Eaton Esq Jacob Barrows Capt Silvanus Barrows

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Prize Viewers & Field Drivers

Alfred Shaw	James Sparrow	George S. Hoar	George Sturton
George C. Leonard	Peter Presko	Judson Briggs	Seth Caswell
Adoniram Bushman	Daniel Alden	Zeb. L. Bane	Brookline Cobb
Grace Sumner	Ezra M. Cully	James Jackson	Esse Vaughan
Field Driver	Frederick Thompson	Edw. Ellis	David Caswell
	Elkanah Williams	Wm. Sampson	Andrew L. Alden
	Hoak Ashley	Robert W. Bishop	Wm. M. Mearns
	Earl Bourne	Wm. Kimrey	Daniel Savory
	Caleb Alden	Daniel Cobb	Jacob Bennett
	Lysander Wood	Jason Wilbur	Enoch Weston

School Committee

School Committee Voted that the School Committee should consist of five Persons
Voted by Ballot & chose Rev Edward L. Messenger
Rev Homer Barrows Rev Israel W. Titcomb
Voted to pass over this Article to the next Town meeting

Voted to sell the privileges of taking the Harnings at Auction in the same manner they were sold the last year. Voted & chose George W. Wood Auctioneer
The following Sale commenced

Sold the Slitting Mill privilege to Nathan Perkins Jr for 78.⁰⁰
Sold Old Ware to Seth Eaton for 50.
Assawamset Brook to Gam. Rounselle 30.
Second Sale. The whole were sold to Seth Eaton Esq for 265.
Messrs Capt. Shner Barrows & George W. Wood were offered by S. Eaton as Sureties & accepted by the Town

Agreeable to the 3rd Article in a Warrant for a Report on Town Meeting Oct. 10th 1836 A Report of S. Barrows was submitted, but by vote of the Town was rejected
Voted to pass to the 23rd Article

Surplus Voted That William Bourne Joshua Eddy
Revenues Seth Miller & Gam. Rounselle together with

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the Town Treasurer be a Committee to draw that portion of the Surplus Revenue which belongs to this Town from the State Treasurer as the same becomes payable and vest it in some secure hands to the best advantage of said Town, and there to remain until otherwise ordered by the Town
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next April Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of March 13th 1837 by Adjournment
April 9th 1837 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. Eliak Hara Esq. Moderator
Voted by Ballot and chose Allen Shaw Treasurer
Agreeable to vote at last meeting Voted by Ballot and chose William S. Eddy and Bela Kingman on School Committee.

Prudential Committee of School Districts

Harrison Clark	Abisha Clark	Saml. W. Briggs
Silvanus Hinkley	David Curtis	Eliaser Caswell
Philip L. Wood	Bushman Vaughan	Leonard A. H. Lory
Quamus Littlejohn	Otis Thomas	John Allen
Robert Lawton	Abraham Bryant	Ezra M. Cully
Isaac Shule	Dura Weston	John Sampson
George Atwood	Ruel Atwood	Elkanah Williams
Wm. C. Barrows	Pyrrine W. Savory	Simon Baker
Seth Morton	Levi Reed	Saml. P. Briggs
Wm. L. Shurtleff	Jessie Leonard	Gideon Hopkins
William Shaw	Zebadiah Leonard	Andrew Tucker
Isaac Shuman	Samuel W. Hackett	Amos W. Southworth
Chandler R. Smith	Chenoxer Shaw	
Job Lucas	Enoch Weston	

Auditors

William Bourne Seth Southworth Abisha Clark

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March Meeting by Adjournment

Auditors
CantinsJohn Bardin Silthman Benson & Lemuel Pitkin
Joseph Barker George Sturtevant Samuel MillerVoted to excuse George Williams from serving as
Surveyor of Highways & chose Roland Rice
in his stead

Excused

Voted to excuse Calvin Tillson from serving as
Surveyor of Highways and chose Seabury Briggs in
his steadVoted to excuse Fiske Leonard from serving
as Constable the present year

Repairs

Highways

Voted to Raise the sum of 2000.00 for repairs
of Highways & Bridges By Tax to be paid in
Labour &c. Voted that said Tax be caused to be
worked out.Voted to Authorise Surveyors of Highways to
remove obstructions occasioned by Snow, the same
as last yearVoted to choose a Committee of 3 to examine
the Road Leading from Andrew Coles —to Newtown Line and make a report at the next
Town Meeting. Chose for S. Committee

Samuel Staples Seth Eaton & Saml. Thompson

Inspectors of Alewife Fishing

Inspectors

of

Fishing

Voted and chose Capt Silvanus Barrows Silvanus Thirkley
Luther Murdock Jr Capt Charles White Ruel M Eaton

Edward M Cole Edward G Perkins John A Pierce

John Standish Ezra Chase Charles M Bishop

William Burnip James Gushman Seth Eaton
& Capt Abner Barrows to inspect at the expense
of the owners of the fishVoted & chose Eli Williams Inspector at
Assawamset Brook at the expense of the TownCommitted to settle with Treasurer
William Baurne Abisha Black George W WoodVoted to collect the Taxes in the same way &
manner they were collected the last year, with the
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Res.

Salary

same discount for prompt payment.

Voted that the Treasurer and Collector be paid fifty
Dollars for his services the present yearVoted to restrain neat cattle & Horses from running
at large the present yearVoted And chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper
And Also to keep the Key of the Town HouseVoted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorised
and instructed to contract with some suitable
person to take charge of the Alms House for
the year 1838.

School

Money

Voted to Apportion the School Money in the same
manner it was apportioned the last year

Repair

Town

House

Voted to Repair the Town House. Also voted and
chose William Baurne Esq Agent to effect
it, by making such repairs as he shall think necessary

Article

In relation to this Article Voted to choose a committee
of three viz Wilkes Wood Isaac Stearns Eliah Ward
with directions to make an investigation thereon
and make a Report at the next meeting

Voted to refer the 19th Article to the Selectmen

Then voted to reconsider that vote and pass over the

Voted that the contractors for Building the
Beach Woods Road receive Interest on their first
payment from the time it was due till it was
paid and on the second payment from the
time they received a certificate till the money
was offered them.

In

relation to this Article voted that the Selectmen
view the Road & make a report at the next meeting

Voted

that the Treasurer be allowed to pay
twenty five cents apiece for the destruction of crows
with satisfactory evidence of their being killed in
this Town or on a certificate from either of
the Selectmen

Crows

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1837 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment Continued
voted and chose Silvanus Hinckley Constable
voted that this Meeting be adjourned to the
next Town Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

1837 Town Meeting of March 13th 1837 by Adjournment
May 15th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment.
Eliak Ward Esq Moderator
voted To reconsider the vote of March 13th 1837 whereon
they chose a Committee to receive & take charge of
the Towns portion of the Surplus Revenue
voted To choose a Committee of Six together with
the Treasurer to Loan the Towns portion of the
Surplus Revenue; and said Committee to be subject
to receive instructions from the Town in relation thereto.
chose for said Committee together with the Treasurer
William Bourne Oliver Pierce Seth Miller
Samuel Thompson Joshua Perkins Jr & Lemuel Robinson
voted That said Surplus Money be Loaned by the
Committee to Individuals of this Town in sums of not
more than 500 \$ nor less than 100 \$ with good & sufficient
Security
voted That double the amount of Real Estate may be
taken by the Committee as Security.
voted That the Committee shall direct what money shall
be received by the Agent
voted That the Committee be instructed that if any
person does not pay the Interest Annually that the
principal be called in

John appointed & chose John M. Canedy School Agent in the place of
Samuel Leonard Ashby Also chose Abel P. Booth Surveyor of
Highway Highways in the place of Leonard Ashby moved away
voted by ballot to chose the following gentlemen in addition to the
School School Committee viz Abisha Black Brad Thompson Ebenezer
Committee George Sturtevant Philip Colby Wm Hobbz Job P. Nelson Thomas
Livingston Jr & Stillman Benson. Voted to adjourn this meeting to the
next Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Surplus Revenue

837 April Meeting April 3 1837
The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
the third day of April A.D. 1837 pursuant to a
Warrant of which the following is a true Copy viz

Plymouth ss To either of the Constables of the
Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
it is hereby required to Notify and Warn the
Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified
to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House
in said Town on Monday the third day of April next
at One o'clock P.M. Then and there to act on the
following Articles viz

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2d To raise such sums of Money as the Town may
think proper to defray the current expenses of the
year, and appropriate the same, and act thereon as
the Town may see cause.
- 3d To see if the Town will set off Thomas Pinkham
Polly Edms & Luther Macomber from the School
District to which they now belong, and annex them
to the School District to which Hercules Richmond
belongs.
- 4th To hear the request of Gadadiah Miller to be set off
from School District No 14 and annex him to School
District No 16 where he formerly belonged and act thereon.
- 5th To give in their votes for County Treasurer.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant
as the Law directs, and to make return of the
same to the Town Clerk at the time and place
of said Meeting.

Given under our hands this
seventeenth day of March in the year Eighteen
hundred and thirty seven.
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April Meeting April 3rd 1837 Continued

Bradford Harlow
Luther Washburn } Selectmen
Gam: Rounseville } of
Nath: Staples } Middleboro
Jonathan Cobb }

Plymouth to March 29th 1837.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro as within directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Manasseh Robbins Constable

Voted and chose William Bourneby Moderator

25000 \$ Voted To appropriate 25000 \$ for the support of
for Schools the present year, including the sum
received from the State School fund, and one
third to be expended for Summer School and
two thirds for Winter School, and to be appropriated
Voted to refer the third & fourth Articles to the
Selectmen

Gave in their votes for County Treasurer and
Rasseter Cotton had twenty five votes 25
Manasseh Robbins had three votes 3

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting
at this place at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting May 15th 1837.

May 15th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the fifteenth day of May A.D. 1837 Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and Returned of which the following is a true Copy to wit.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleboro, in said county Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleboro qualified to Vote in Town affairs, to Meet at the Town House in said Middleboro, on Monday the Fifteenth day of May Instant at Two O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following business to wit.

First to choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
Second To consider and determine whether the Town will agree to receive its proportion of the Monies received, and to be received by the Treasurer and Receiver General of this Commonwealth from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, for deposit with this Commonwealth in pursuance of an Act of Congress entitled an Act to regulate the deposits of the Public Money approved on the twenty third day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty six And will comply with the terms and provisions contained in the several Acts of this Commonwealth concerning the deposits of the Surplus Revenue.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested Copies thereof at the several Public Meeting places in said Town as the Law requires
To wit fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the said day of Meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of May, one

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Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Seven
Bradford Barlow
Jonathan Cobb } selectm
Luther Washburn } of
Gambel Rounselle } Middle
Bath. Staples }
Middleborough May 10th 1837.

Plymouth ss.

I hereby certify that I have secured the
within the said as directed, by posting up copies
of the same, at the several Public Meeting
Houses in said Town in due season, as the
Law requires.

Silvanus Thirkley
Constable of Middleborough

At a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of
Middleborough duly notified according to law, and
held in said Town on the fifteenth day of May in
the year 1837, for the purpose of considering and
determining whether said Town would agree to
receive its proportion of the moneys received, and
to be received, by the Treasurer and Receiver General
of this Commonwealth, from the Secretary of the
Treasury of the United States, for deposit with this
Commonwealth, in pursuance of an Act of Congress
entitled an Act to regulate the Deposit of the
Public Money, approved on 23 June, 1836, and
comply with the terms and provisions contained in
the several Acts of this Commonwealth, concerning
the deposit of the Surplus Revenue, ~~it was~~
voted and chose Dr. David Thompson Moderator
voted, That this Town agrees to receive, from the
Treasurer and Receiver General of the Commonwealth
its proportion of the Surplus Revenue of the United
States, in deposit, and will comply with the terms
and provisions of the several Acts, passed by the

Surplus Revenue

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Legislature of said Commonwealth, concerning
the deposit of the Surplus Revenue.

Voted That Allen Shaw be the Agent of this
Town, for the purpose of receiving from the Treas-
urer and Receiver General of this Commonwealth,
this towns proportion of the said Revenue in said
Voted, That Allen Shaw Agent, as aforesaid, be,
and he hereby is, authorized to sign a certificate of
deposit, for the sum of money he may receive
from time to time, from the said Treasurer and
Receiver General of this Commonwealth binding
the Town, in its corporate capacity, for the repayment
to said Treasurer, of the money so deposited with
town, and any and every part thereof, whenever the
same shall be required by said Treasurer and Receiver
General, to be by him repaid to the Secretary
of the Treasury of the United States.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Surplus Revenue

July 3 1837 Town Meeting of March 13th 1837 by Adjournment
This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
The Moderator being absent, chose Wm. Brown Jr. Moderator
Protors.

Voted. To Reind the vote wherein the Town voted
to pay 25 bents of ice for the district of ~~ice~~
the present year.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Town Meeting
holden in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

July 3 Town Meeting of April 3 by Adjournment
This Meeting was taken up and no business came up it was
adjourned to the next Town Meeting to be holden in this
place at 2 o'clock P.M. Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

1837 Town Meeting July 3 1837

July 3^d The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the third day of July A.D. 1837. Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and Return of which the following is a true copy, to wit:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County: Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to Notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are ^{duly} qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in Middleborough, on Monday the third day of July next, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, there to act on the following business, to wit:

First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

Second To see what method the Town will adopt to repair the Public Highway that Leads from the School House, on the ^{South} side of said Town, to the line of Freetown, and which is ^{now} indicted for being out of repair, & to act thereon as the Town may think most proper.

Third To see if the Town will take any method, to cause a discontinue of the now laid out Highway, through the Land of Andrew Cole & Job P. Nelson, which Highway commences near the Dwelling House of said Andrew Cole, & runs to the Freetown Road so called, and to act any thing in relation thereto, that the Town may think most advisable.

Fourth To see if the Town will take any measures, in regard to the repairing or building of the Long point Road, so called in said Town, being as is represented in poor condition and now complained of, & to act thereon as the Town may think best.

Fifth To see if the Town will Rebuild, or otherwise repair their part of Diligent Bridge, so called, in Bridgewater & Middleborough, and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may adjudge best for the interest thereof.

Sixth To see if the Town will allow & pay a claim of G. B. Morse

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for an Injury done his Horse, by means of a defect in the Highway, and act thereon as the Town may see cause.

Seventh (And by individual request) To see if the Town will or will not order their Committee on the Loaning of the Surplus Money, to alter the Rules adopted by them, in regard to Loaning on Mortgages, and also to cause a Report of all the borrowers of said Money with their Sureties to be made to the Town, And to act in relation thereto as the Town may be best advised.

Eighth To see if the Town will order any Special Repairs on the Highway leading from Silas Pickins dy to the School House towards Mr. William Shobridges, and to act any thing thereon that the Town may think wise.

Ninth To see what the Town will do, in relation to the Petition, for the alteration of the Road, between the Dwelling House of Dea^r Solomon Thompson & that of Andrew Tucker, & now under the consideration of the County Commissioners, And also in relation to another Petition, for an alteration of the Road leading from Mr. Calvin Shaws, in a direction to Mr. Earl Bushmans & in the hands of the Commissioners for adjudication, on both of which the Town will act, as they may see cause.

Tenth To see and direct, what the Town will do, with a large quantity of Maps of the Town, and to act in relation thereto as they may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant and make return of the same, as the Law requires.

Given under our hands this twenty first day of June 1837.

Bradford Farlow	} Selectmen of Middleborough
Jonathan Cobb	
Luther Washburn	
Wm. L. Staples	
Saml. Kausonville	

Plymouth ss June 24th 1837. By virtue of this Warrant we have notified the Inhabitants of the said Town of Middleborough as within directed by J. King, up & return at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Joseph Clark's Constable
of Middleborough

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At 1st Voted & chose Wilkes Wood Esq. Moderator
 At 2^d In relation to this Article the Committee made the following Report as follows - to wit
 Report The Committee chosen at the April Meeting last
 on Road to view the Road recently laid out in Assaunamset
 on meadow called, have been and viewed the same and ask leave to make the following Report.
 Assaunamset Road
 The Committee are of the Opinion that Four Hundred Dollars is necessary to be laid out on the Road where it is now travelled as far as Freetown line, that is, beginning near the House of the late Samuel Pickins Esq. And that the Committee would recommend that the Town or Selectmen appoint an Agent to lay out the above named sum, between this time and the first day of August next.

Signed Nathaniel Staples
 Seth Eaton
 Samuel Thompson
 Dated at Middleborough
 Aug. 27th 1837.

Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee (of which the above is a true copy)
 Voted that the sum to be expended on said Road be expended between this time, and the first of Oct. next
 Voted to expend 400.00 on said Road.
 Voted to choose an Agent to effect the Building of said Road
 Chose Nathl. Staples said Agent
 Voted that said Agent be authorized to draw from the Treasury 100.00 at the commencement of Repairing said Road, for the purpose of paying poor persons if he should employ such on said Road

At 4th In relation to said Article Voted to Petition the County Commissioners to discontinue said Road
 Voted & chose Wilkes Wood Esq. an Agent to effect said Petition
 At 5th Voted to choose a Committee of three to examine Long Point Road and see if Long Point Road so called is laid out, and see the condition of said Road; and also to make a Report thereon at the next Town Meeting
 Chose George W. Wood, Eliza Clark & Isaac Stevens said Committee

At 5th Voted to choose a Committee of 3 for the purpose of Rebuilding Tildal Bridge, if the Town of Bridgewater will concur in building it of stone, as the bridge between is built. Chose for said Committee
 Bridge George W. Wood Nathl. Staples & Wm. Bourne Esq.
 Voted that a Committee concur with the Town of Bridgewater in building a Bridge the present season, if it is expedient to build this season
 At 6th Voted to refer the subject of this Article to the Selectmen
 At 7th Voted, not to alter the Rules adopted by their Committee
 At 8th Voted to refer the subject of this Article to the Selectmen and that they make a Report thereon at some future Meeting

At 9th In relation to said Article the Town chose W. Wood Esq. an Agent to act for the interest of the Town
 At 10th Voted that the Treasurer be directed to sell the Maps of the Town for 9 apiece for one year from this date

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Town Meeting to be holden at this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
 Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of July 3 1837 by Adjournment
 At 1837 October 2 1837. This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. The Moderator being absent chose Wm. Bourne Esq. Moderator Protem.
 The Report of the Committee chosen in relation to Long Point Road was read and by vote was accepted, and is on file.
 Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the next meeting to be holden in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
 Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

March Meeting of March 13th 1837 by Adjournment
 Oct. 2 1837 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
 The Moderator being absent chose Wm Bourne Esq
 Moderator Protem

The Committee chosen to settle with the Treasurer
 & Report the state of the Treasury, made a Report which
 was Read, and is on file.

Voted to Raise by Tax \$5,500. for the current expenses
 the present year.

See
 \$5,500
 and
 \$500

Moved & Seconded to add \$500 to the above sum, & voted
 to postpone the action on the above move till the next
 meeting

Voted to adjourn to the next meeting at 3 O'clock P.M.
 Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

April Meeting of April 3 1837 by Adjournment

Oct. 2 1837 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
 Wm Bourne Esq Moderator.

school
 \$500
 Oct 14

Voted that whereas Jedediah Miller with his Pals &
 Estate did formerly belong to School District 8016 &
 afterwards was set to School District 8014, now at said
 Miller's request Voted that said Miller and his Pals &
 Estate be restored to School District 8016 as formerly
 voted to adjourn to the next meeting at 3 O'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

April Meeting of April 3 1837 by Adjournment

Nov 13th 1837 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
 Adjournment. William Bourne Esq Moderator.

See
 \$5,500

Voted to Raise by Tax 5,500. \$ to meet the current
 Expenses the present year

Voted that the same be Assessed and the Bills be committed
 the first of December 1837. And that the same be collected
 as the last year with the same discount for prompt
 Payment.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting
 to be holden in this place, at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

1837 The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
 duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the second day
 of October A.D. 1837. Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and
 returned of which the following is a true Copy to the
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth

To either of the Constables of the Town of
 Middleborough in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are
 required to Notify the Inhabitants of the Town of
 Middleborough qualified to Vote for representatives to the
 General Court and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town
 House in Middleborough on Monday the second day of
 October next at one O'clock in the afternoon, being
 the first Monday in said month.

To give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for
 said County of Plymouth for the Residue of the term
 for which the former Register was elected.

Also To see if the Town will authorize their Agent
 to procure stone Steps for the Town House, at this time
 And you are directed to serve this Warrant as the Law
 requires, & to make return hereof with your doings thereon
 to the Town Clerk on or before the said day of meeting

Given under our hands this eleventh day of September
 in the year One thousand eight hundred & thirty seven

Bradford Threlkeld

Jonathan Cobb

Luther Washburn

Saml. Rousseau

Select men
 Middleborough

Plymouth Sept 25 1837.

By virtue of this Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants
 of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the
 several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Joseph Clark's Constable

Voted And chose William Bourne Esq Moderator.

Gave in their Votes for Register of Deeds & the whole

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number of Ballots were sixty five

Leander Lovell of Plymouth	had	15	Votes
Gustavus Gilbert "	"	1	"
Roland C. Gifford "	"	33	"
David Pratt " Carver "	"	5	"
Christopher A. Hack. Bridgewater "	"	10	"
Abraham Holmes Jr. Middleborough "	"	$\frac{1}{5}$	"

Refering
to Town House

Voted to authorise the Agent chosen for the purpose of repairing the Town House, to procure Stone Steps for the Town House
Voted to Dissolve this Meeting.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

March Meeting of March 13th 1837 by Adjournment
Nov. 15th 1837 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. The Moderator being absent

Ref
Savings
Bank
Boston
\$710 -

Chose William Bourne Esq Moderator
Voted to authorise their Treasurer to pay of the sum of \$750 to the Savings Bank in Boston together with the interest on the Note which S. Bank holds against this Town; Provided S. Bank will except S. sum & let the remainder of S. Note remain at present unpaid
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Meeting to be holden in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 13th 1837 by Adjournment
December the 13th 1837 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator being absent chose Wm Bourne Esq Moderator Protem

No business coming before the Meeting at this time;
Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to the next meeting at 2 O'clock P.M. Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

April Meeting of April 3rd 1837 by Adjournment
December the 13th 1837 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
Wm Bourne Esq Moderator

No business coming before the Meeting
Voted to Adjourn to the next meeting to be holden in this place at 2 O'clock P.M. Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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1837. Annual Town Meeting November 13th 1837.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the thirteenth day of November A.D. 1837 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy, viz
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County, Greeting,
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough, on Monday the thirteenth day of November next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday in said Month. To bring in their Votes for the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Two Senators, for the District of Plymouth, on one ballot, for the Political Year ensuing.

To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose for the ensuing year.
To choose one or more Representatives, to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And also on said day, to give in their Votes to a Moderator, for a Register of Deeds, for the residue of the term, for which the former Register was elected.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up at the several Meeting Houses in this Town attested Copies of the same, in due time as the Law requires, and you are to make return hereof, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, on or before the time of said Meeting. Given under our hands, this thirteenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Bradford Warlow }
Jonathan Cobb } Selectmen
Leather Washburn }
B. H. Staples }
Gunt. Russellville } Middleborough

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Pursuant to the within Warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned.

Nov. 5th 1837.

Joseph Barker, Constable gave in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor and Senators, which being sorted & counted were as follows The whole number of Ballots was 800

For Gov	Marcus Morton	had	455	Votes
	Edward Everett	"	344	"
	Edward G. Perkins	"	1	" 800 Mts
Lieut Gov	William Foster	had	460	Votes
	George Hull	"	344	"
	Peter H. Pierce	"	1	" 805 Mts
Senators	Isaac Thompson	had	455	
	Ebenezer T. Fogg	"	457	
	John A. Shaw	"	343	
	Joseph Meigs	"	340	
	Silvanus Kirkley	"	1	
	William Hafford	"	1	804 Mts

Voted to choose Three Representatives to Represent this Town in the next General Court.

Voted by Ballot & made choice of the following Gentlemen Stillman Benson, Sisdale Leonard, Eliab Ward

The whole number of Ballots given in was 896, And for whom, being as follows, to wit

Stillman Benson	had	385	William Bourne	had	301
Sisdale Leonard	"	385	Levi Washkins	"	302
Eliab Ward	"	388	Olive Eaton	"	293
Samuel Miller	"	17	Lathrop Thomas	"	1
Reuben R. Pratt	"	7	Joseph Barker	"	1
Reuben Hafford	"	2	Edward Perkins	"	1

Chose Jonathan Cobb Esq Moderator

Voted by ballot for Register of Deeds and the whole

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number of Ballots was 288 and for whom as follows

Henry Robbins of Plymouth	had	13	Votes
David Pratt " " "	"	21	"
Leander Lovell " Plymouth	"	93	"
Roland & Cotton " " "	"	154	"
Charles J. Holmes Rochester	"	1	"
Barnard Staples Middlebury	"	1	"
Betsy Jones " " "	"	1	"
Ethan Earle " " "	"	1	"

Voted to Dissolve the Meeting

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Dec. 13th 1837.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December A.D. 1837, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & Returned, of which the following is a true Copy viz.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are required to Notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to Vote in elections and other Town affairs to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December instant at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following.

First, to choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
Second, to give in their votes for a County Register of Deeds, for the residue of the term for which the former Register was elected. And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season, as the Law requires, and to make return of the same to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon at the time or before the Meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of December One thousand eight hundred and thirty Seven.

Bradford Harlow	Selectmen of Middleboro.
Jonathan Cobb	
Luther Washburn	
Saml. Braunseville	

Plymouth ss.

Middleborough Dec. 5th 1837.

I hereby certify that I have notified all the Inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to Vote in Elections and other Town affairs to meet at the Town House at the time and for the purposes as within directed

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by posting up attested copies of the within Warrant at the several Meeting Houses in Middleborough in due season as the Law requires.

Silvanus Hinkley Constable
of Middleborough

Voted and chose William Bourne Esq. Moderator.

Voted by Ballot for Register of Deeds and the whole number of Ballots was forty four and for whom as follows

Roland E. Ballou of Plymouth	had	23	votes
Henry Robbins "	do	15	do
Leander Lowell "	do	1	do
David Pratt of Ware	had	$\frac{5}{14}$	do

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest J. Shaw Town Clerk

1838. Annual March Meeting. ^{Page 294} March 5th 1838

March 5th The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 5th day of March A.D. 1838 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true Copy viz:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Plymouth Co.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County. Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified by Law, to vote in the Election of Town Officers & other Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in Middleborough on Monday the fifth day of March next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon. Then & there to act on the following business to wit.

- First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2^d To choose all Town Officers, to be chosen in the Months of February, March or April, Annually, as required by Law.
- 3^d To choose a Committee to receive & allow accounts against the Town.
- 4th To hear all reports which may be made, and do & act any thing thereon, as the Town shall see cause.
- 5th To raise such sums of Money as the Town may think proper for the repairs of Highways and Bridges in the Town, and determine the time & manner the same shall be expended.
- 6th To see if the Town will authorize their Surveyors of Highways to remove obstructions occasioned by Snow in the several Districts in the same manner the same might be done if no money had been raised for the purpose of repairing the Highways & Bridges the present Year.
- 7th To dispose of the Privilege of taking the Herrings at

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the several fishing places, in said Town, at Public Auction to the highest bidder, or by Agents appointed for the purpose of taking said Fish as the Town may direct, & to act any thing thereon, the Town may see cause.

- 8th To choose Inspectors of the Alewife Fishery.
- 9th To choose a Committee to see that the Herrings have a good and sufficient passage way through the several Dams the present year.
- 10th To choose a Committee to settle with their Treasurer and to make Report of the state of the Treasury.
- 11th To determine the method of collecting the Taxes the present year, & to vote the compensation to their Treasurer & Collector.
- 12th To allow demands against the Town, and order payment as they shall see cause.
- 13th To see if the Town will restrain neat Cattle & Horses from going at Large.
- 14th To choose a Pound Keeper, also some person to keep the Key of the Town House.
- 15th To choose a Committee to contract with a suitable person to take charge of the Almshouse for the year next ensuing.
- 16th To see if the Town will endeavour to obtain compensation of Horatio Leonard & Co. for the Damage done by them by reason of obstructing the Alewives by their Dam, in Taunton & Raynham, and to act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- 17th To see if the Town will discontinue several pieces of Road connected with the new Beach Woods Road so called & to act thereon as the Town may see cause.
- 18th To see what the Town will do in relation to the destruction of Crows, and act any thing thereon, they shall see cause.
- 19th To see if the Town will Petition the Present General Court to pass a Law restraining the fishing, by Leap Nets or Seins within one mile of Horatio Leonard & Co.

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Dam on the Great Taunton River & to act thereon as they may see cause

20th To see what the Town will do in relation to the House & Land owned by the Late Jonathan Caswell, or his Wife & a paper having been conveyed without consideration & now claimed by the Overseers of the Poor as rightfully belonging to the Town to pay for their support, and to act in relation thereto as the Town may see cause

21st To see what direction the Town will give their Treasurer or a Committee in relation to the "Surplus Money" loaned out in this Town to individuals, as to the Principle or Interest accruing thereon, and to act thereon as the Town may see cause

22nd To see if the Town will instruct their Selectmen to Petition the County Commissioners to lay out the Road, leading from the House of Isaac Sherman to the house belonging to the heirs of the late Jacob Clark Esq deceased, and known by the name of Long Point Road, and to act thereon

23rd To see if the Town will cause the Road leading from Turtle Pond in Taunton to Bating Brook in Middleborough (by Mr. George Williams) to be examined in relation to its location and condition, and to act on anything in relation to said Road, the Town may think most advisable

24th To see what change if any the Town will make in their financial operations with a view to systematize & simplify the same, & to act thereon

25th To act on anything in relation to the Limits of School Districts & define the same where they are not legally done, & act on anything thereon

26th To act on anything on uniting any School Districts adjoining other Towns & adjoining School Districts in such Towns as the Town may see cause

27th To do any thing in relation to supplying the Town Schools with Books, and to act as they may see cause

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28th To direct how the Money appropriated for Schools the present year shall be apportioned among the several School Districts, & to act thereon

29th To correct the numbering of the School Districts on the Town Records, and act thereon

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by Posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses, in this Town, in due season as the Law requires, hereof fail not & make return of the same with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the day & time of meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Twelfth day of February One thousand Eight Hundred & thirty eight.

Bradford Harlow	} Selectmen of Middleborough
Jonathan Cobb	
Luther Washburn	
Ethanuel Staples	
Saml. Rounsville	

Plymouth ss February 15th 1838.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to meet at their Town House in said Town, as within directed by Posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town

Joseph Clark Esq Constable

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Fred Thompson Esq Moderator.

The following Persons were then elected, by Ballot, to the several Offices designated, viz.

Allen Shaw Town Clerk.

Messrs	Bradford Harlow	} Selectmen
	Jonathan Cobb	
	Zattu Pickens Jr	
	Thomas Doggett	
	Saml. Rounsville	

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Allen Shaw Treasurer

Voted by nomination & chase Allen Shaw Collector

Constables

Joseph Clark³ Silvanus Hinkley Wm. Murdock
 Disdale Leonard Winslow Thomas Joseph Barker
 Zebulon L. Canez & Sam. Theworth Ellis Jr

Surveyors of Highways

Cap. Jacob Thomas Alexander Canez Silas P. Ashely Abel Pierce
 Josiah Perkins Bath. Macomber Reuben Hoppard Sam. Robbins
 Dr. George Snow David Wood George S. Cobb Alden C. Bishop
 Peter Thomas Mathew Cushing George H. Wood Zenas Cushman
 Israel W. Thompson Joseph Sampson Jacob Bennett & Seabur Briggs
 Zebulon Pratt Francis Atwood Jurg. H. Sears Ansel Smith
 Sam. Shaw Jr Elisha Wood Bath. Sampson Salmon Cusum
 Zebidie Leonard Horton & Thomas Joseph Clark³ Silvanus Barron
 Ernos Parri Charles White Harrison Shaw & Had. Thompson
 Hercules Richmond Otis Pratt Sam. H. Bucklet Foster A. Keith
 Southworth Ellis Thomas Washburn Eben. Shobridge Daniel Darling
 Sam. Briggs Joseph Shuckley Jonathan Leonard Silas Perkins
 Sam. Hoar Earle Sprout Consider Fuller Anson Pierce
 Ebenezer Benson Noah Clark James Foley

Surveyors of Lumber

Levi Hinkham & Erastus Winslow Elisha Clark
 Seth Eaton Daniel Briggs Stillman Benson
 Dura Weston George Cox Williams Eaton
 George W. Wood James Warren

Voted that it is not expedient to choose Igthingmen

Overseers of Poor

Seth Miller, Benj. P. Wood, & Joseph Clark³

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Grave Viewers and Field Drivers

Jehabod Sampson	James Sparrow	Abraham Rice	Isaac Bryant
William Earle	Andrew M. Eaton	Judson Briggs	John Threshing
Harvey Hinkham	Andrew L. Alden	Alexander Canez	Southworth & H. Jr
Era Chase	E. M. Sully	James Jackson	Erasmus Smith
Joseph Thompson	Eben. Ellis	Allen Richmond	John P. Nelson
Eben. Shobridge	Bath. Sampson	Edward W. Cole	James L. Barron
Noah Ashely	Hopstall Bishop	Bath. Macomber	Salmon Cusum
Earl Bourne	Nelson Finney	Daniel Savorz	Elexer Richmond
Calah Alden	Daniel Cobb	Jacob Bennett	Belham & Gibbs
Saloman Raymond	Jason W. Bar	Seth Butler	

Prudential Committee of School Districts

Bath. Eddy	Seneca Thomas	Joseph Barker	Asa Winslow
Silvanus Hinkley	Isaac Sherman	Ernos Raymond	John Allen Jr
Joseph Bump	Chandler R. Smith	Alfred Haskins	Simcan Cusum
Josiah Cornish	Oliver Leonard	Samuel Miller	Bath. Sampson
George Thompson	Albert Barron	Ernos Eaton	Robert Shobridge
Era Smith	Josiah Perkins	Reuel M. Eaton	Simcan Baker
Eben. Ellis	George Cushman	Jared Pratt	Wm. W. Blgate
Abel Gibbs	Ern Atwood	Silas Hathaway	Gideon Haskins
Reuben Gibbs	Bathan Perkins	Eben. Pickens	Andrew Tucker
Bath. Shuttlett	Ransom Wood	Albert Thomas	Bath. Macomber

Committee to Receive and Allow Accounts or Auditors

Samuel Thompson William Bourne Elisha Clark
 Joseph Barker Luther Washburn Ebenezer Pickens
 George W. Wood Nathaniel Staples Samuel Miller

- at 4th Voted to pass by the Article.
- at 5th Voted to raise the same amount of Money for the repairs of Highways & Bridges as was raised the last year & to be spent in the same manner as last year.
- at 6th Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be clothed with power to remove Snow &c as specified in the Warrant.
- at 7th Voted to postpone the sale of the Fish for 2 years.

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- Art. 8th Voted to pass by this Article.
- Art 9th Voted & chose Jacob Barrows Seth Eaton and Oliver Gamt Rounsaville a Committee to see that the waymen Harrisys have a sufficient passage through the several Dams the present year.
- Art 10 Chose William Bourne Ebenezer Pickens & George W. Wood a Committee to settle with their Treasurer & report the state of the Treasury.
- Art 11th Voted to pass this article.
- " 12th Voted to pass this article.
- " 13th Voted to restrain meat Cattle & Horses from running at large the present year.
- Art 14th Chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper Chose Benjⁿ Thompson also to keep the Key of the Dam House.
- Art 15th Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to contract with some suitable person to take charge of the Almshouse for the year next ensuing.
- Art 16th In relation to said article Voted to choose a Committee of 3 to look into the affair & make a report of their doings Chose for said Committee Gamt Rounsaville Seth Eaton & W. H. Wood.
- Art. 17th Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen & for them to make a report at the next Town Meeting.
- Art 18th Voted to pass over this Article.
- Art 19th In relation to this Article Voted to Petition the present General Court to pass a Law restraining the fishing by Seap Bets or Seins within one mile of Horatio Leonard & Co^s Dam on the great Saunton River Voted to choose an Agent to effect said Petition Voted & chose Eliak Ward said Agent.
- Art 20th In relation to this Article Voted to refer the subject to a committee of 3 to compromise a settlement Chose for said Committee Silas Pickens Ephraim Ward & Eliak Ward.
- Art 21st In relation to the Surplus Money. Voted to collect 10 per Cent on the Votes, not to reduce the Principle

Fishing at Horatio Leonard's Dam

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- below 100% Also to collect the Interest on all the Votes Voted to appropriate the Interest arising on said Votes for the use of Schools to be distributed in the same manner as the money appropriated by the Town shall be. Also Voted to choose a Committee with the Treasurer the same as last year. Chose for said Committee William Bourne, George W. Wood, Seth Miller, Samuel Thompson, Joshua Hoskins & Gamt Rounsaville.
- Art 22 Voted to pass over this Article.
- Art 23 Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen to examine into the same & make a Report to the Town.
- Art 24th Voted to refer this Article to a Committee of 3 to examine into, & to make a report of their doings to the Town Chose for said Committee Arad Thompson, William Bourne, & Philander Washburn.
- Art 25th Voted to refer this Article to the School Committee.
- 26th Voted to pass over this Article.
- 27th Voted to pass over this Article.
- 28th Voted to pass over this Article.
- 29th Voted that Abisha J. Clarks School District be called \$8. 40.
- Article 7th was then taken up & Voted to sell the fish in the same way & manner they were sold the last year. Chose George W. Wood Auctioneer first sale. Sold Slitting Mill Ware to Seth Eaton for \$71. Old Stone Ware to John Bowden for \$1. Assagumet Brook Ware to Gamt Rounsaville 10 \$14.2. second sale. Sold to Silvanus Hinckley for \$210. He offered Seth Eaton & Ebenezer Sade as Bondmen which were accepted by the Town. Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Meeting to be holden at this place at 3 o'clock P.M. Alfred A. Shaw Town Clerk

Surplus Money

July 1838

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March Meeting of 1838 by Adjournment

April 2 1838. March Meeting of March 3rd 1838 by Adjournment

This Meeting was taken up pursuant to business

Read Thompson Moderator
Voted to excuse the following Town Officers
and substitute others in their place

Excused Daniel Cobb as Overseer & Field Driver
& chose Philander Hackett in his place

Excused John Allen Jr as Prudential School Committee
& chose Caleb Finkham in his place

Excused Simeon Baker as Prudential School Committee
& chose Silas Pashley in his place

Excused Amos Raymond as Prudential School
Committee & chose Alden Raymond Jr in his stead

Chose Adoniram Bushman Surveyor

Chose Francis Wood an additional Surveyor

in Mad Mars Neck

Chose Stephen C Rider an additional Surveyor of Highway
in the Eastern part of the Town

Excused Jacob Bennett as Overseer & Field Driver
& chose Bartlett Thomas in his place

Chose John M Warren as Surveyor of Lumber

The School Committee made a Report which
was by vote accepted and is on file

School Voted to elect 13 individuals as School Committee
the present year

Voted by Ballot & chose the following Gentlemen
to wit. Eliak Ward Esq. Benjn P Wood, Stillman Ben

Committee Seth Eaton, Thomas Bennett, Harrison Clark

Axel Thomas, Joseph Bushman, Amos Washburn,

Cole P Nelson, Zebulon L Canedy, Dr L M Briggs
& Lothrop Thomas.

Benjn P Wood declined serving on a Committee

Overseers The Overseers of the Poor made a Report which was
Report by vote accepted and is on file

The purchasers of the fish offered the following
List of names to be chosen Inspectors of the

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Fishing & which was by vote accepted & accordingly chosen
to wit. Gamel Rounsaville, Earle Spout, Silvanus Winkley,

Inspectors Chas. I Saule, William E Bump, Charles W Biske,

Fishing Thomas Strabridge, James Warren, Thomas Wilder Jr,

Emra Chase, Abner Leonard, Parmenas G Sampson,

James Holmes, Soranus Standish, Jacob J Barrow

& Thomas Snow.

Chose Nathan Perkins Jr Inspector of Fish at the
Kamasket Works

Chose George W Wood Inspector of the Fish at
Olivers Works

Chose Eli Williams Inspector of the Fish at
Assawamset Brook

Excused Jacob Barrows as Scribe & man and
chose Supt Silvanus Barrows in his stead

Voted that the Treasurer & Collector be paid fifty
Dollars for his services the present year

Voted that the Taxes be collected in the same
way and manner they were collected the last year

with the same discount for prompt payment

Voted that the collector be directed to close
his collections on or before the first of

May Annually

Voted to pass over the 22 Article

Voted " " " 26th "

Article 28th Voted to appropriate the School
money in the same manner as it was the

last year

Voted to excuse Zebulon L Canedy as Constable
& chose W Ward Clark in his stead.

Article 24th The Committee chosen by the Town
and to whom this Article was referred to

to examine into & make a report, made a
Report, of which the following is a true copy

To Wt

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 April Meeting April 2^d 1838
 April 2^d The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the
 second day of April A.D. 1838 Pursuant to a Warrant
 duly issued & returned of which the following is a
 true copy viz
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss.
 To either of the Constables of the Town of
 Middleborough.
 In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are
 required to Notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 who are qualified Voters in said Town. To meet at the Town
 House in Middleborough on Monday the second day of April
 next at one o'clock in the afternoon, being the first Monday in
 said month, then & there to act on the following, to wit.
 First To bring in their Votes for three County Commissioners
 on one ballot, being all Inhabitants of different Towns in said County.
 Second To bring in their Votes for two Special County Commis-
 sioners, on one ballot, being Inhabitants of different Towns
 in said County.
 Third To choose a Moderator to govern during the
 transaction of other Town affairs viz.
 First To see what the Town will do in relation to an indictment
 found by the Grand Jury against S. Town, at the last Court
 for defect in the Beach Woods Road so called, as alleged
 being out of repair, and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.
 Second To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.
 Third To see what the Town will do, in relation to three several
 new located Roads, in the Town of Middleborough, the one
 granted on the Petition of Jacob Thompson & one on the
 petition of Calvin Shaw, & one on the Petition of J. H. Shaw
 & others, and to act on each one as the Town may see fit.
 And you are directed to serve this Warrant as the Law
 requires, & fail not, & make return hereof, with your
 doings thereon, at the time and place of meeting as above said.
 Given under our hands this Twelfth day of

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 March in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight
 Gam: Rounselle }
 Bradford Harlow } Selectmen
 Jonathan Cobb } of
 Thomas Duggitt }
 Zeller Pickens Jr }

Plymouth ss. March 23, 1838.
 By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants
 of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the
 several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.
 Joseph Clark Constable.
 The Meeting was called to order, & Warrant read by the Chairman
 of the Selectmen.
 The clerk being absent Ephraim Wood Jr was chosen clerk
 pro-tem, and qualified according to Law.
 Art 1st Proceeded to ballot for County Commissioners, &
 the whole number of ballots was one hundred and
 sixty nine.
 County of Plymouth
 Isaac Allen of East Bridgewater had 165 Votes
 John B. Turner of Scituate " 167 "
 Thomas Savory of Wareham " 164 "
 Joseph Clark of Middleborough " 2 "
 Warren Burns of Bridgewater " 2 "
 James Cole of Wareham " 2 "
 Art 2^d For Special Commissioners, the whole number of ballots
 was eighty eight.
 And Jonathan Parker of Plympton had 88 Votes
 Jesse Perkins of St. Bridgewater " 88 "
 Art 3^d And Thompson was chosen Moderator for this Meeting
 Art 1st In relation to this article, voted to choose an Agent to
 represent the cases alluded to in the Warrant, at the
 next Court at Plymouth
 Chase Withers Wood Esq said Agent.
 Art 2^d Voted for County Treasurer, and the whole number
 of Ballots was One hundred & eighty one.

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Art 3
Roads

Benjamin Church of Plymouth had 135 votes
William R. Seaver of Plymouth had 40 votes
In relation to this Article Voted that the Selectmen
be authorized to appropriate what they think
necessary on the several Roads.
The present Meeting was by vote Adjourned to the
next Town Meeting to be holden in this place
at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest - Ephraim Wagoner Clerk Pro Tem

Town Meeting of April 1838 by Adjournment
May 2 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
Adjournment.

The Moderator being absent
Chas. Gunt. Rounselle Moderator Pro Tem
No business coming before this meeting
therefore Voted to adjourn to the next
Town Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of April 1838 by Adjournment
Aug. 6th 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
Adjournment.

The Moderator being absent, Chas. Wilkes Road
Moderator Pro Tem
No business coming before this Meeting
Voted to adjourn this Meeting to the next
Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Sign. Bela Kinyman Clk. Pro Tem Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of April 1838 by Adjournment
Sept. 3rd 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
Adjournment.

The Moderator being absent Chas. Wilkes Road
Moderator Pro Tem
No business coming before this Meeting
Voted to adjourn to the next Meeting to be
held in this place

Sign. Eliah Ward Clerk Pro Tem
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Adjournment of March Meeting of 1838 not forward

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of
the 24th Article of the March Meeting Warrant, have
attended to the duties assigned them, and ask leave to
Recommend that the Treasurer of the Town be directed
to pay out no School Money, only on the Certificate of the
Prudential Committee, of the expenditure of the money,
claimed to be due the Teachers for services performed,
and also accompanied with the Order or Receipt of the
Teacher; and that the Treasurer furnish the necessary
Blanks to each Prudential Committee and each
School Teacher for the above purpose.

2 That the Treasurer be directed to pay out no money
to any Surveyor of the Highway for any money expen-
ded more than the tax on his bills, unless the account
be Audited, and on the order of the Auditors for the
same;

3 That the Treasurer, be directed to pay out no money
only on the Order of the Auditors, Overseers of the
Poor, the Selectmen for the legal supply of Powder
for the Militia and the Assessors for the Remitta-
nce of Taxes, only with the exception of the School
Money as above.

4th Your Committee recommend that it be the incumbent
and indispensable duty of the Overseers of the Poor,
Annually on the second Monday of April to make
a Report to the Treasurer of the Town; embracing
each particular item of expenditure, made by their
Board, and the name of the person to whom each
payment has been made, and the name of each
person to whom the town is indebted and for
what article.

5th Also that it shall be the indispensable duty of
the Clerk of the Auditors, to make a Report to the
Treasurer of the Town, annually on second Monday
of April of each item of account, for which their
orders have been drawn on the Treasurer and to

6th whom each Order is made payable of the preceding year
That the Treasurer be directed to obtain such
Blanks as are necessary for the more correct
and easy discharge of his duties; Also all such
Blanks for the Assessors, Auditor and School
Committee as are necessary for the performance
of their respective duties.

7th And your Committee suggest the enquiry whether
the town may not with advantage, cause to be
published annually a full and particular account
of all their expenditures, with a sufficient
number of copies to give them a general circulation
through the town.

All which is submitted

April 2 1838.

Acad Thompson per Order

Voted that the foregoing Report be accepted and
adopted.

Voted that George W. Wood, Allen Shaw and
William Bourne be a committee to carry this
Report into effect.

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the next Town
Meeting to be held in this place at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest Ephraim Ward jr. - Clerk Pro Tem

March Meeting of March 5th 1838 by Adjournment

May 2 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment

The Moderator being Absent.

Chose W. W. Wood Esq. Moderator Pro Tem

The following named Gentlemen which were chosen
as School Committee at a former Meeting for the
present year, but now asked to be excused from
committee, were by vote excused viz.

Elijah Ward, Stillman Benson, Seth Eaton, Abel Thomas
Joseph Cushman, Job P. Nelson Lemuel Briggs, Lathrop Thomas
Thomas Bennett Benjin P. Wood, & by vote Lebulan L. Caneody.
Then proceeded to vote by ballot and chose the following

Gentlemen, School Committee, for the present year
viz Acad Thompson, Ebenezer Nelson, Ephraim Ward
Israel M. Putnam, Homer Barrows, Wilkes Wood.
Philip Bully, Robert B. Diekey, Bela Kingman.

Abisha T. Black & Zattu Pickens jr.

Voted. That the Town Treasurer of the Town of Middleboro
be authorized to purchase a number not to exceed 100
copies of Halls or Arlots Lectures on School Teaching
and that one copy shall be put into the hands of each teacher
in the town, who keeps a town school, with this proviso
that if said Teacher does not return the book at the
close of the school, the cost of the Book be deducted
from Teachers Wages.

Voted to choose 2 Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Chose James S. Bump & Adnah Jackson as such

Voted to choose an additional Surveyor of Highways
in the district where Charles Sprout is Surveyor of Highways
Chose Levi Thomas said Surveyor of Highways

The Committee chosen under the 20th Article in the
Warrant, presented the following Report viz

The Committee to whom was referred the case
of Polly Caswell have attended that duty and Report
that they cannot compromise the case, and beg to
be discharged from any further action on the case

(Signed) Silas Pickens

Voted to except of the above Report.

Voted to refer this subject of Polly Caswell to the
Overscers of the Poor

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be instructed to
hold on to the legal rights of the town in the above case
and to compromise a settlement

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of
the 16th Article in relation to the fishery made a
Report, which was by vote accepted, and which
is as follows viz. Town forward 2 Leaves

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Town Meeting May 2^d 1838.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Wednesday May the second 1838 Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & Returned, of which the following is a true copy Viz.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss. To either of the constables of the Town of Middleborough. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Middleborough qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Wednesday the second day of May next at Two O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following business.

- 1st First. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting.
- 2^d Second To see what sum of Money the Town will raise, for the support of Schools, the ensuing year & appropriate the same.
- 3^d Third. To raise such sums of Money as may be necessary to pay the debts of the Town, and to defray the expenses during the year ensuing thereof; and make the appropriations of the same.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at the several Meeting Houses in Middleborough in due time, as the Law requires. Given under our hands this ninth day of April One Thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Gambel Rounsaville
Bradford Warburton } Selectmen
Jonathan Webb }
Zattu Pickens jr } Middleborough
Thomas Doggett }

Plymouth ss April 20th 1838

By virtue of this Warrant to me directed I have notified the Inhabitants of Middleborough as within directed, by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in the Town.
Joseph Black B. Constable

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- 1st Voted. To choose William Bourne Esq. Moderator.
- 2^d Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of 2500. \$ for Town Schools the present year
- 3^d Voted to appropriate said Money as it was apportioned the last year
- 4th Voted that the Summer School Teachers be paid after the 20 Decr. next.
- 5th Voted to pass the 3^d Article.
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next town Meeting to be holden in this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of March 1838 by Adjournment
Aug. 5th 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
No business coming before this Meeting
Voted to Adjourn to the next Meeting at this place at 2 O'clock P.M.
Signed Bela Kingman Clk. Pro Tem
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of March 1838 by Adjournment
Sept. 3rd 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment.
No business coming before this Meeting
Voted to adjourn to the next Meeting in this place
(Signed) Eliakim Ward Clk. Pro Tem
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of March 1838 by Adjournment
Nov. 12th 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
No business coming before this Meeting
Voted to Adjourn to the next Meeting in this place
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Adjournment of March Meeting 1838 continued

Fishing
at
Horton's
dam
much
injured

The Committee appointed by a vote of the Town of Middleborough of the fifth of March 1838, under the sixteenth article, having examined the subject referred to them by said vote are of opinion that the legal rights of said Town to the fishing have been much injured by the dams & works of Horatio Leonard & Co at the Squabty Iron works (so called) and in consequence of those obstructions the fishing privilege of said Town will soon if no Remedy be found, be wholly destroyed. And under this view of the subject, we recommend that the Town immediately take all such measures as the Law authorizes, to restore to said Town its ancient fishing privileges.

May 2^d 1838 (Signed) Genl. Rounsaville
Seth Eaton
Wilkes Wood.

In relation to the above Report &c. The Town Voted to choose a Committee of 17 to immediately take all such measures as the Law authorizes to remove the obstructions to the passage of the fish at the Squabty Works (so called) and to obtain an indemnity for the damages already done to the fish at said Works.

Chose
com. to
adjust
the matter

Chose for said Committee.

Wilkes Wood, Eliah Ward, George W. Wood,
Jacob Barrows, Genl. Rounsaville, Seth Eaton,
Lorenzo Wood, Joseph Jackson, Nathl. Hopkins,
John C. Perkins, Amos Washburn, Benj. P. Wood,
Lathrop S. Thomas, Earle Spout, Samuel Briggs,
Zachariah Eddy & Seth Miller.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting Aug. 5th 1838

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town Meeting on Monday the Sixth day of Aug. 1838 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. You are hereby required to notify all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Sixth day of August next at two o'clock in the afternoon, there & there to act on the following business to wit.

First to choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
Second To see if the town will determine the method of Repairing or Rebuilding the Beach Woods Road so called (otherwise Bristol County Road) the Town being now under one Indictment for said Road with a new complaint against the same to follow in its trail setting forth and declaring the said Road through a great part of its length in a state of great disrepair and in many places far too narrow. The town will act in relation to the premises any thing which wisdom may prompt, by appropriation of Money for the use of Surveyors to be laid out and expended on said Road, or by placing funds in the hand of some special agents to be appropriated for the purpose of doing the repairs, or by contracting with some person or persons to maintain build & keep said Road in good repair for a limited time

or, forever, as the town may think best.
Article Third To see if the town will loan
 at a nominal interest their portion of Ten
 Thousand Dollars, according to the state census
 of 1837 to be placed in the hands of Trustees
 hereafter legally appointed, for the erection of a
 Seminary for the preparation of Teachers to be
 made under the management and control of the
 State Board of Education, to be located in this town
 at such place as the said Board shall determine, for
 three years, and for such a term of time after, as the
 School shall remain in successful operation, under
 the control of the Board of Education.
 And also to see if the Town will loan to said
 Trustees any additional sum on condition
 that the Institution be located in this Town
 and to act thereon as the town may see cause.
 And you are directed to serve this Warrant in
 due season by posting up copies of the, at the several
 Meeting Houses, in said town as the Law requires.
 Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant
 with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk
 at the said time, and place of Meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth
 day of July in the year one thousand eight
 Hundred and thirty Eight.

Saml. Rounsaville } Sct. Town
 Jan. Cobb } of
 Zettie Pickens } Middleboro.
 Thos. Doggett }

Plymouth 27 July 1838

By virtue of this Warrant I have served the same
 by posting up notices at the several Meeting
 Houses in said town as within directed

Joseph Clark & Son

The Town Clerk being absent, The Town Voted
 & chose Bela Ringman Clerk Pro Tem & Thomas
 Smith First Voted & chose Wilkes Wood Moderator
 Voted & chose Capt. R. H. Staples an Agent
 to Repair Beach Woods Road at an expense
 according to his best discretion at an expense
 of not more than Two Hundred Dollars
 Voted & authorized Capt. Staples Agent to contract
 for General to repair said Beach Woods Road
 Voted to adjourn this Meeting to 4 weeks
 from this day at 8 o'clock P.M.

(Signed) Bela Ringman Clerk Pro Tem
 The foregoing is a true copy from the Minutes
 Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of August 6th 1838 by Adjournment
 September 3rd 1838 This Meeting was taken up pursuant
 to adjournment

The third Article in the Warrant for Meeting was
 read, And the Town Voted not to comply with
 any thing asked for in said Article
 Voted to dissolve this Meeting

(Signed) Eliak Wood Clerk Pro Tem
 Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of May 2, 1838 By Adjournment
 June 12th 1838. This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
 William Bourne Esq. Moderator.

The Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasr. & report the
 state of the Treasary was read & by Vote accepted & is on file
 Voted to raise the sum of \$5000 by Tax to pay the current expenses
 of the Town for the year 1838.

Vote Voted that the Collector of Taxes be directed to issue his
 Warrant and close all the Taxes, near unpaid, at the
 expiration of 30 days from this date.

Taxes Voted to Adjourn this Meeting without date
 Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Sept. 8. 1838.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 3 day of Sept. 1838 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to Notify and Warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the third day of September next at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following to wit.

First To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting
Second To see what alterations if any the Town will make in the limits of any School Districts in this Town.

Third To see if the Town will new District the Town for Winter Schools.

Fourth To act any thing on uniting any School District adjoining other Towns and adjoining School Districts in such Towns, as the Town may see need
And you are directed to serve this Warrant as the Law requires, and to make return of the same with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding the Meeting aforesaid.
Given under our hands this thirteenth day of August 1838.

Saml. Ransseville } Selectmen
Jonathan Balch }
Zetta Pickens }
Thos. Duggett } of Middleborough

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Plymouth ss Aug. 23. 1838

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough as within directed, by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Joseph Clark's Constable

The Town Clerk being absent, the Town voted and chose Eliah Ward Clerk Pro Tem & he was sworn by Wilkes Wood Esq

Voted & chose Wilkes Wood Esq Moderator

Voted to pass over the second third & fourth Articles in the Warrant

Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest Eliah Ward Clerk Pro Tem

A true copy from the Minutes.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

1838 Annual Town Meeting Monday Nov. 12th 1838

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Twelfth day of November A.D. 1838, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true Copy, Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County - Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, You are hereby required to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are duly qualified to Vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the Twelfth day of November next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon being the second Monday in said Month, there and there, to give in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and two Senators for the District of Plymouth, on one ballot, for the Political Year ensuing.

And also on said day, to give in their Votes for a Representative for Congress, for the Ninth Congressional District in said Commonwealth.

To determine the number of Representatives the town will choose for the ensuing year.

And to choose one or more Representatives to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up at the several Meeting Houses in this Town, attested Copies of the same, in due season as the law requires. And you are to make return hereof with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time for holding the Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and

thirty eight.

thirty eight.

Bradford Harlow
Jonathan Cobb
Zethu Pickens
Thomaz Doggett
Gamt. Rounseville

Selectmen
of
Middleborough

Plymouth ss.

Middleborough 7th Nov. 1838.

I hereby certify that I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of Middleborough who are qualified to Vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House at the time and for the purposes as within directed by Posting up attested Copies of the within Warrant at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough.

Joseph Clark's Constable
of Middleborough

Gave in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Senators, which being sorted, counted & declaration thereof being made, were as follows
The whole number of Ballots was 855

Gov	Marcus Morton	had	523 votes
	Edward Everett	"	330 "
	Francis Jackson	"	1 "
	Philander Washburn	"	1 "
Lieut. Gov	Theodore Sedgwick	had	524 votes
	George Hull	"	331 "
	Samuel J. May	"	1 "
	Bathaniel Bump	"	1 "
Senators	Arad Thompson	had	504 votes
	Ebenezer Briggs	"	522 "
	Joseph Meigs	"	327 "
	Jared Whitman	"	330 "
	Peter H. Pince	"	1 "
	George Soule	"	1 "
	Daniel D. Wright	"	1 "

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Then gave in their votes for a Representative to the next Congress of the United States for District No 10. And the whole number of ballots given in was 826.

Henry Williams had 491 votes
 Nathaniel B. Borden " 334 "
 Peter H. Pierce " 1 "

Then voted to choose four Representatives to represent this Town in the next General Court Voted by Ballot and made choice of the following Gentlemen, viz., Eliab Ward, Stillman Benson, Josiah Leonard & Zebulon K. Pratt.

The whole number of Ballots given in was 841 And for whom, being as follows, to wit:

Eliab Ward had 418 votes	William Bourn had 221
Stillman Benson " 419 "	Levi Haskins " 221
Josiah Leonard " 416 "	Solomon White " 218
Zebulon K. Pratt " 414 "	Nathaniel Staples " 218

The Meeting was then dissolved
 Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting March 4th 1839

March 4th The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town Meeting on Monday the 4th day of March A.D. 1839 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a true Copy viz-

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the town of Middleborough, in said County — Greeting.
 You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified by Law to vote in the Election of Town Officers and other town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the fourth day of March next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, then & there, to act on the following business to wit.

- 1st. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- 2 To choose all Town Officers, to be chosen in the month of February March or April Annually as required by Law.
- 3 To choose a Board of Auditors, to receive and allow accounts against the Town, and to order the payment of the same.
- 4th To hear all reports which may be made by any of the Town Officers, Committees or Agents and to act any thing thereon as the Town shall see cause.
- 5th To raise such an amount of Money as the Town may think proper, for the defrayment of Town charges, the current year, and to appropriate the same, to direct when to be assessed, and how paid and collected, and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may think most advisable.
- 6th To dispose of the Privilege of taking Herring at the several Fishing places in Middleborough at

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- Public Auction, to the highest bidder, or by Agents, appointed for the purpose of taking said fish, and to distribute the same as the Town may direct, and to act any thing thereon the town may see cause.
- 7th To choose a Committee, or sluiceway men, to see that the Herrings have good and sufficient passage ways through the several Dams, the present year.
- 8th To choose Inspectors of the Alewife Fishery.
- 9th To choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer, and to make a report to the town, of the state of the Treasury.
- 10th To vote the compensation, to their Collector, and Treasurer for the services done by him the last year.
- 11th To allow demands against the town and order the payment thereof, as the town shall see cause.
- 12th To see if the town will restrain meat cattle & Horses, from going at large.
- 13th To choose a Pound Keeper, and also, some person to have the care of the Town House, and to keep the Key of the same.
- 14th To choose a Committee to contract with some suitable person, to take charge of and superintend the affairs of the Alms House, for the next year ensuing.
- 15th To see what direction, the town will give their Treasurer and Committee in relation to the Surplus Money, Loaned out, in this town to Individuals, as to the principle or Interest accruing thereon, and to act in relation thereto, as the Town may see cause.
- And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested Copies of the same, at the several Meeting Houses in this Town in due season as the Law requires. Hereof fail not, and make your return of the same, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the day and time of Meeting as aforesaid.

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Given under our hands this Eleventh day of February, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Nine.

Gam'l. Rounsaville
Jonathan Cobb
Zattu Pickens Jr
Thomas Doggett

Selectmen
Middleborough.

Phonanth's, February 23 1839.

In pursuance of the within and foregoing Warrant and the directions therein given, I hereby certify that I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs and Election of Officers, to meet at the Town House at the time and for the purposes as within directed by posting up at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough attested Copies of the same in due season as the Law requires.

Silvanus Hinckley, Constable
of Middleborough.

Then Voted by Ballot and made choice of
Gamaliel Rounsaville for Moderator.
The following persons were then Elected by Ballot to the several Offices designated viz

Allen Shaw Town Clerk
Messrs Bradford Warlow
Stillman Benson
Zattu Pickens Jr
Thomas Doggett
Gam'l. Rounsaville
Allen Shaw Treasurer
Allen Shaw Collector
Constables

(By Nominations)

Joseph Clark
William Murdock
Silvanus Hinckley
Winslow Thomas
George W. Wood
Joseph Barker
Willard Clark
Southworth Ellis Jr

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Surveyors of Highways

John Carver	Zebulon L. Binedy	Charles W. Simpson	Eden Huskins
David Clark	Nath. Macomber	George Bennett	George Atwood
Nath. Rider	John Shaw	George W. Wood	Loring Bryant
Isaiah Thomas	Nath. Shurtleff	John Keith	James Garrison
George Thompson	Thomas Cushman	Edward Bardon	James Sparrow
Isaac Pratt	Jonathan Soule	Nath. Reed	Albert Thomas
Andrew Weston	Lotthrop S. Thomas	Oren Atwood	Elisha Tucker
Bradford Washburn	Henry Thomas	Joshua Shaw	George Williams
George Pickens	Luther Muddock	Robert Stoddard	Daniel Darling
Luther Macomber	Thomas Washburn	Spencer Eaton	Zachariah Pickers
Everett Bent	Zebulon Shaw	Abner S. Miller	Moses Parris
Samuel Briggs	Charles Sprout	Adoniram Cushman	Thomas Weston
Samuel Hoar	Isaac Sherman	Nathan Sherman	Joseph A. Backus
Thos. L. Barrow	Silas P. Ashby	Calder Bassett	Nath. Sampson

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

John L. Sampson	Orsamus Little	John W. Mayford	William Davis
Ethan Carle	Zebulon Leonard	Salmon M. Washburn	Luther Washburn
George Thompson	Adna Clark	Abraham Peice	brockin Cobb
Ezra Chase	Sumner Hinds	James Jackson	Ezra Larim
Jacob Thompson	Ebenezer Eiler	Joshua Huskins	John P. Nelson
John Montgomery	John Sampson	Nathan Washburn	John L. Barrow
Roah Ashby	Daniel Daugherty	Nath. Macomber	George Sturton
Silvanus Hinkley	Seldon Chinnery	Enos Eaton	Samuel Miller
Calder Alden	Daniel Cobb	Ezra Hartow	Francis Wood
Salmon Raymond	Sam. W. Backus	Stephen Burgess	

Prudential Committee of School Districts.

Joshua Eddy	Samuel Thomas	Lewis Cobb	Salmon M. Washburn
Nathan M. Hildreth	Nathan Sherman	Allen Raymond	George S. Hoar
Adna Jackson	Almon Benson	Enoch Southworth	Zebulon Shaw
Amasa Thompson	Bennett Briggs	Hercules Richmond	Loring Bryant
Landell Norton	Alden Clark	Daniel Savory	John P. Nelson
Isa Smith	Alpheus W. Bishop	Andrew L. Alden	Simoon Baker
Zenas Cushman	Thomas Laull	Marcel Robinson	Job P. Nelson
Horam S. Smith	Cephas Shaw	William B. White	Gideon Huskins
Seth Norton	Abishai Wood	George Soule	Andrew Jackson
William Atwood	Winstow Thomas	Silvanus Barrows	Eden Huskins

by order of the committee

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Surveyors of Lumber

Levi Dinkham & Josiah Winstow. Elisha Clark.
Seth Eaton. Daniel Briggs. Jonathan Cobb. Dura Weston.
George Cox. Josiah Robinson. George W. Wood. James Warren.

Overseers of the Poor.

Seth Miller. Benj. P. Wood. & Joseph Clark.
Voted That it is not expedient to choose any thingmen.

Auditors

Samuel Thompson. William Bourne. Winstow Thomas.
Abishai S. Clark. Silvanus Barrows. Joseph Barker.
Silas Pickens. George W. Wood. & Jonathan Cobb.

Under said Act. Voted That the Treasurer be directed to distribute to each School District in Town a Map of said town, to be stuck up in the School House for the benefit of each District.

Also Voted that the Treasurer sell the Map at this Town now on hand at Six cents each.
Voted To Raise the sum of 2000\$ for the Repair of Highways to be raised by Tax & paid in Labour &c as it was the last year.

Voted that the Tax bills for the Highways be committed the first of May.
Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be under Oath on or before they receive their Tax Bills.
Voted that each Surveyor of Highways be furnished with a Warrant to enforce the payment of the Highway Taxes.

Voted to appropriate 2500\$ for the support of Schools the present year, in addition to the State School Fund and the interest on the Surplus Money.

In relation to the fish Voted to choose a Committee of three to take charge of the Fish or Hawine fishing. Chose George W. Wood. Gam. Rounseville.
Nath. Staples Abner Barrows. & Luther Muddock for said Committee.

Voted that the Fish Committee be the Highwaymen and Inspectors of the Fish.

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- Art 9 Chose William Bourne Peter Vaughan and George W Wood A Committee to settle with the Treasurer & Report the State of the Treasury
- Art 10th Voted that the Treasurer & Collector be Paid 50^{cts} for his Services the present year
- Art 11 Voted to Pass this Article
- Art 12 Voted to restrain Rat-battle & Horses from going at large the present year
- Art 13 Chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper Also to have the care of the Town House & keep the Key of the same
- Art 14 Chose the Overseers of the Poor as a Committee to contract with some person to take charge of the Alms House
- Art 15 Voted that the Interest on the Surplus Money be Paid in on the 24th of May next
Also Voted that said amount of Interest be advanced to some suitable person or persons till December next, on Interest
Also Voted that the same Committee that served the past year for the purpose of taking care of the Surplus Money, be the Committee for the same purpose the present year.
- Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting to be held at this place, at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

March Meeting of March 4th 1839 by Adjournment

April 8th 1839 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
Gamb Rounseville Moderator
Voted to hear the Report of the School Committee for the past year, which Report was read before P Town
Voted to choose a School Committee of thirteen individuals. And the following persons were chosen by Ballot viz

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Abishai T. Clark, Abner J. Harvey, Abel Southworth
Reuben Chafford, Seth Morton, Alonzo S. Benson
Committee Jacob Bennett E. Harrison Clark, Josiah Leonard, Jacob Thompson & David Alden & Abel Thomas, Joseph Barker.

Voted To choose an additional number of Riding Inspectors the ensuing year, & the following persons were chosen, viz
Ezekiel Chase, Adoniram J.ushman, Abner Leonard, Parmenas G. Sampson, Eli Williams William Boone, Seth Eaton, John L. Perkins

Voted, To excuse the following persons from serving as Surveyors of Highways and as Prudential Committee men of School Districts
Excused, Consider Fuller as Surveyor of Highways & Chase Morton Freeman in his stead. Excused Andrew Tucker as School Agt, & chose Darius Darling in his stead
Excused John P. Olson as P. Voter & Driver & chose William Westgate in his stead. Excused Levi Haskins as School Agt, & chose Eli Williams in his stead. Excused Jarius Gammons as Surveyor of Highways & chose John Benson in his stead.

Voted to choose another Constable in Town the ensuing year & William Westgate was chosen
Voted to choose another Field Driver & Fence Viewer and Arad Thompson was chosen
Voted to reconsider the Vote whereby the Town voted that the Highway Tax Bills should be committed on the first of May & voted that they should be committed to the Surveyors of Highways on the Twith of May.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next town meeting to be held at this place at three O'clock And also all former Meetings which were adjourned to this Meeting

A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting April 23rd 1839

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Tuesday the 23rd of April 1839, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a copy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss. Do either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County, greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, who are qualified to Vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough, on Tuesday the twenty third day of April instant, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following business to wit.

- 1 First. To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting
- 2 Second. To see what alteration if any the Town will cause to be made in the Bridge over the river at the Hemasket Factory. And also Pinkham's Bridge so called, near the Almshouse & to act thereon.
- 3 Third. To act any thing in relation to the limits of School Districts, that the Town may see cause.
- 4 Fourth. To act any thing on uniting any School District adjoining other Towns, to the adjoining School Districts in such Towns.
- 5 Fifth. To see if the Town will take any measures to cause the Prudential Committees of the several School Districts, to make seasonable return to the School Committee of a list of the names of all the Male Inhabitants over Sixteen years of Age and also of the Children between the Ages of four and sixteen years of Age, and also School Registers, & to act any thing thereon, the Town may think proper.
- 6 Sixth. To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer
- 7 Seventh. To see if the Town will authorize their

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School Agents to make contracts for their School Teachers and to act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season, as the Law requires, and to make return thereof, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time for holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Eighth day of April 1839.
Saml. Rounselle } Selectmen
Thomas Daggett } of
Zetta Pickens Jr. } Middleboro

Plymouth ss

Middleborough April 15th 1839

I hereby certify that I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of Middleborough to meet at the Town House and for the purposes, as within directed, by posting up copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough.

Silvanus Hinkley Constable of
Middleborough

Voted Achose Saml. Rounselle Moderator
(In relation to the 2^d Article) Voted to choose a Committee of three to see what alterations, are necessary to be made in the Bridge over the River near the Hemasket Factory and repairs if any should be made, and also Pinkham's Bridge so called, over the Hemasket River, & Report their doings to said town at same future meeting

Voted and chose Nathaniel Reed Silvanus Barrows & Josiah Perkins for said Committee
Voted to instruct the aforesaid Committee to lay out such sum or sums of Money on one or both of the above mentioned Bridges they may think proper.

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- At 13 Voted to refer the Petition of James A Leonard and others (which is on file) to a Committee. which Committee were the Selectmen of said Town
- " 4 Voted to Pass this Article
- " 5 Voted " " " "
- " 6 Voted " " " "
- " 7 Voted to authorize the Prudential Committees of School Districts to make Contracts for School Teachers the ensuing year.
- Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next town Meeting to be holden at this place at three o'clock P.M. Attest A. Shaw J. Clerk

April Meeting of April 23, 1839 by Adjournment
Sept 23, 1839. This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment, but no business coming before said meeting. Voted to Adjourn to the next meeting to be holden in this place
Attest A. Shaw J. Clerk

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Town Meeting Sept 23, 1839

The Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town Meeting on Monday the 23 of Sept. 1839 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a Copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Plymouth Co. - Do either of the Constables of the town of Middleborough in said County. Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough, who are qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday, the twenty third day of September instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following, to wit.

First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
Second To see what measures if any, the Town will take, in order to procure the establishment of a Normal School, now about to be established, for the County, and to act any thing thereon as they may see cause
Third To see, if the Town will approve of the (laid out) private way, for the use and benefit of Seth Keen Jr as by the Report of the Selectmen, and act thereon.

Fourth To see if the town will construct and place the same near their Alms House a suitable Building to be denominated a House of Industry, the superintendence of which, to be under the direction of the Overseers of the Poor, and to act any thing thereon, as the Town may think proper.

Fifth To dispose of the Herring Fishing privileges, at the several places in Town, for the year ensuing, by sale or otherwise, as the Law requires, and to act any thing thereon that the town may see cause. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, in due

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season, as the law requires, by posting up copies of the same, at the several public Meeting Houses in said town, and make return of the same with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the time, for holding the meeting aforesaid. — Given under our hands this 10th day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Gam: Rounseville
Bradford Barlow } Selectmen
Stithman Benson } of
Zattu Pickens Jr } Middleboro.
Thos. Doggett }

Plymouth Sept. 13th 1839.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middleboro: as within directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said town.

Joseph Clark Constable

- 1st. Chose Jonathan Cobb Moderator
- 2 Voted to Passover the 2 Article
- 3 Voted to accept of the Report of the Selectmen for a private way for Seth Peen Jr, which is on file & is recorded Book No 10 Page 123
- 4th In relation to the 4th Art. Voted to choose a committee of 5 persons to take the subject into consideration and make a Report at some future meeting Chose for said Committee, Col Ben: P Wood, Silas Pickens, William Bourne, Gam: Rounseville and Darius Darling.
- 5th Voted to pass this Article

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting to be holden in this place.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Adjournment of March Meeting of March 4th 1839

Sept 23 1839 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment. Gam: Rounseville Moderator

The Selectmen offered a list of of Persons as jurors which was read & then Voted to choose a Committee of 3 to examine & corrects list & Report to the town Chose for S Committee Jonathan Cobb — Nathaniel Staples & Lathrop Thomas.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer & Report the state of the Treasury, made a Report which was read & by Vote Accepted & is on file Voted that one thousand dollars be appropriated out of the Surplus Revenue (so called) of this town towards defraying in part the sum of \$2500.00 already voted for the Public Schools of said town for the present year, & that the vote of the fourth of March last be so far rescinded as to conform to this Vote.

Voted to raise 4,500.00 by Tax to defray the current expenses of the town the present year

Report of The committee to whom was referred the Petition of James A Leonard and others, have attended that duty and beg leave to Report, that the following line shall be established between School Districts No 37 & 18. Beginning at the Easterly corner of Joseph Jacksons House lot, thence North Westerly by said Jacksons land and the land of William S Pierce and the Lands of George Waterman Sepiah Bourne Susan Expel and James A Leonard until it comes to School District No 34 and all the lands Palls & Estates lying to the South Westerly side of this said line shall be annexed to School District No 18.

Voted to accept the above Report Gam: Rounseville Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting to be holden in this place. Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Oct 28th 1839

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in town meeting on Monday the 28th day of Oct 1839 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned of which the following is a copy.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the town of Middleborough, in said County Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth of said County you are required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough who are qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the Twenty Eighth day of October Instant at two o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following, to wit:
First To Choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
Second To see if the Town will reconsider the vote passed at the Town Meeting held in September last wherein they voted to appropriate One Thousand Dollars of the Principle of the Surplus Money now in the hands of the Town, for the support of Common Schools, and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season, as the Law requires, by giving Public notice of the same, and make due return hereof to the Town Clerk with your doings thereon, at the time or before the meeting. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of October in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & thirty nine.

Saml. Rounsaville }
Stillman Benson } Selectmen
Zattu Pickens }
Thomas Doggett } Middleboro.

Plymouth Co. Middleborough Oct 17th 1839. By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as within directed.

by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in Town.
Joseph Clark & Constable.

Oct 28th Voted & chose Saml. Rounsaville Moderator of 3rd Meeting.
Voted to Rescind the vote of which this is in relation to, & which was passed September last.
Moved & voted to dissolve this Meeting.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

April Meeting of April 23rd 1839 by Adjournment

Oct 28th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
Saml. Rounsaville Moderator.
No business coming before 3rd meeting; therefore
Moved & Voted to Adjourn to the next meeting to be holden at this place. Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk.

September Meeting of September 23rd 1839 by Adjournment

Oct 28th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
Jonathan Lobb Moderator.
No business coming before the Meeting, Moved & Voted
to Adjourn to the next Meeting to be holden at this place.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk.

March Meeting of March 4th 1839 by Adjournment

Oct 28th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment
Saml. Rounsaville Moderator.
Under Art. 5th Moved & Voted to raise by Tax 1000\$ in addition to the 4500\$ raised Sept 23rd at the adjournment of the 3rd March Meeting.
Moved & Voted to Adjourn to the next Meeting to be holden at this place.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

March Meeting of March 4th 1839

April Meeting of April 23rd 1839 } By Adjournment
Sept Meeting of Sept 23rd 1839 }
Oct 28th These Meetings were severally taken up pursuant to adjournment, but no business coming before Meetings
Moved & Voted to Adjourn 3rd Meetings to the next Meeting to be holden in this place Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting Monday Nov 11th 1839

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Eleventh day of November A.D. 1839; Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Plymouth ss.

To either of the constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to Notify & Warn all the Inhabitants of Middleborough who are qualified by Law to Vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Eleventh day of November next at nine o'clock in the forenoon. When and there to determine the number of

Representatives the town will choose for the year ensuing. To give in their Votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Two Senators, for the district of Plymouth.

To choose one or more Representatives to the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The Poll for the choice of the several officers aforesaid will be opened at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, and the same will be kept open until three o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

The Ballot to contain all the names of the several persons to be voted for, if the Town so determine, if not as it may be; and no Ballot can be received unless the same be offered open and unfolded, nor unless the name of the person offering the same shall be on the list of Voters, & checked at the time of Voting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up copies of the same, at the several public Meeting Houses in this Town & in due season as the Law requires, hereof

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fail not to make returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time & place of Meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this fourteenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine.

Bradford Sharlow
Stillman Benson } Selectmen
Zatlee Pickens Jr } of
Thomas Daggett } Middleborough
Capt. Rainsville }

Plymouth ss Oct 26th 1839.

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough as within directed, by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Joseph Clark's Constable Moved & Voted, to choose four Representatives to Represent this Town in the next General Court. When gave in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Representatives on one Ticket. Which being Sorted, counted and declaration thereof being made, were as follows, to wit.

The whole number of Ballots for Governor was 940.

Marcus Morton had 573 Votes
Edward Everett " 366 "
William Jackson " 1 "

The whole number of Ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 940.

Nathan Willis had 574 Votes
George Hull " 370 "
Amos Farnsworth " 1 "
Ellis G. Loring " 1 "

The whole number of Ballots for Senators was 944.

Seth Sprague had 577 Votes
Peter H. Pierce " 572 "
Jared Whitman " 366 "
Seth Sprague Jr " 370 "
Jesse Perkins " 1 "

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The whole number of Ballots for Representatives — was

Zebulon R Piatt	had	567	Votes
George Sturtevant	"	535	"
Consider Fuller	"	547	"
Thomas Doggett	"	532	"
William Bourne	"	379	"
Solomon White	"	365	"
Winslow Thomas	"	385	"
Samuel Hoar	"	364	"
Richard Sampson	"	1	"
Stillman Benson	"	1	"

Made choice of Zebulon R Piatt, George Sturtevant, Consider Fuller, & Thomas Doggett

The Meeting was then adjourned

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of September 23 1839 by Adjournment
1840. March 2 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment

The Moderator being absent Chose Gamt. Rounsaville
Moderator Protem

Under the 5th Article in the Warrant, in relation to having Fishing Privileges. Voted to take care of the fish in the same manner as last year

Voted to choose a Committee of 5 persons for that purpose

Chose for S Committee George M. Wood
Gamt. Rounsaville Nathl Staples Abner Barnaws
Luther Murdoch.

Voted that the above Fish Committee be the Shiver paymen and Inspectors of the fish in the present year

Voted that the whole subject in relation to the price & sale of the fish be left wholly with the Committee

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next meeting in this place Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting March 2 1840.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 2 day of March A. D. 1840. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy in
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in S County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of Middleborough, who are qualified by Law to Vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough, on Monday the second day of March next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon. There and there to act on the following business, to wit:

First to choose all necessary Town Officers to be chosen in the Months of February March or April annually as is required of Towns by Law.

To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

To choose a board of Auditors, to receive and allow accounts against the Town, and to order payment thereof.

To raise such sums of Money as the Town may think necessary to defray the expenditures, the coming year, and to appropriate the same to direct when to be assessed, and how paid, and collected, and to do any thing in relation thereto that the Town may deem proper.

To hear all Reports that may be made by any Committee, Agent, or Town officers relating to the subjects, committed to their charge and to act thereon as the Town may deem proper.

To choose a Committee, to settle with the Treasurer, and to report a statement of the Treasury to the Town.

To Vote the compensation to the Collector & Treasurer for his services the last year.

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- 8th To allow demands against the Town, and order the payment as the Town may see fit.
- 9th To see if the Town will allow meat cattle and horses to go at large the present year & to act thereon as they may see cause.
- 10th To choose a Pound Keeper, and also some person to have the care of the Town House and keep the Key of the same.
- 11th To choose a Committee, to make a contract with some suitable person, to take charge (of the superintendence) of the affairs at the Alms House for the next year, ensuing.
- 12th To see what order or direction, the Town will give their Treasurer, & Committee in relation, to the deposits of Surplus Money, loaned to Indians & others in this Town, and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may think proper.
- 13th To act any thing in relation to the Limits of School Districts, that the Town may see cause.
- 14th To set off Nathan Washburn, Cyrus Washburn and China Redding, from School District number Twenty, with their Palls and estates, and annex them to School District number Twenty three.
- 15th To see if the Town will give, a small sum of Money in aid of the Normal School about to be established in this County, provided the same is located in this Town or not otherwise, & to act thereon as they may see cause.
- And you are directed to serve this Warrant by passing up attested Copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses, in this Town in due season as the Law requires. Hereof fail not and make good return of the same, with your doings, thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the day & time of meeting as aforesaid.
- Given under our Hands this tenth day of February in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty,

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Bradford Harlow } Selectmen
Stillman Benson } of the Town of
Latter Pickens } Middleborough
Gambel Rounsaville }

Plymouth Co. Feb 24th 1840.

In pursuance of the foregoing Warrant and the directions therein given. I hereby Certify that I have notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough qualified to vote in Elections & Town affairs, to meet at the Town House at the time & for the purposes as herein directed, by posting up at the several Meeting Houses in Middleborough, attested Copies of the same in due season as the Law requires.

Silvanus Hinkley }
of Middleborough }

When Voted by Ballot & Chose Gambel Rounsaville Moderator.

The following persons were then Elected by Ballot to the several Offices Designated, viz

Allen Shaw Town Clerk
Bradford Harlow }
Stillman Benson }
Latter Pickens } Selectmen
Thomas Boyzatt }
Gambel Rounsaville }
Allen Shaw Treasurer
Allen Shaw Collector of Taxes.

Constables

Joseph Clark's, Silvanus Hinkley, George M. Wood.
William Murdock, Benj. & Thomas, Joseph Barker.
George Hoar, Southworth Ellis & Co.
Overseers of the Poor, Silvanus Hinkley, Joseph Clark's,
Benjamin P. Wood, Silvanus Rounsaville, Joseph Clark's

Voted that it is not expedient to choose Tythingmen

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Surveyors of Highways

Orlando Carver	John W. Bancroft	Charles H. Sampson	Silvanus Lovell
Andrew Benson	William H. Carlaw	Ruth Shurtleff	Bradford Barton
Ruth Rider	Andrew C. Wood	George W. Wood	Amel Bryant
Lothrop Thomas	Ruth Shurtleff	John Peith	Hillman Benson
Robert Lawton	Begins M. Savory	Lewis H. Carlaw	William Gistby
Isaac Pratt	Earl Smith	Ruth W. Reed	Arsl Thomas
Andrew Weston	Lothrop S. Thomas	Lephas Shaw	James A. Loan
Samuel Reed	Zenas Bishop	Daniel Alden	Reuben Gibbs
George Pickens	John C. Perkins	Chas. Strabridge	Darius Darling
David Leonard	Stephen H. Carlaw	Apollas Eaton	Lathe Pickens Jr
Everett Bent	John Clark	Isabel Smith	Silas Pierce
Samuel Cole	Earl Sprout	Chas. J. Wood	Thomas Weston
Isaac Winslow	Isaac Sherman	Harrison Barrow	Elisha Richmond
Thomas L. Benson	William Baker	Henry Bassett	Chas. D. Sampson

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers.

Charles D. Sampson	William Gistby	John P. Parris	William Davis
Ethan Earle	Lebedee Leonard	Salmon M. Washburn	Amos Washburn
George Thompson	John Murdock	Moses Parris	Everett Bent
Erza Chase	Erza M. Gully	George Walden	Erza Maxim
Ruth C. Bushman	Chas. Ellis	Joshua H. Kings	Stephen H. Pannum
Edward Huskey	Ruth C. Sampson	David Alden Jr	John L. Barrow
Boak Ashley	Galen Haskins	Ruth Macomber	George Haskins
Joseph Clark Jr	Nelson Ginnery	Erza Eaton	Elisha Cinkham
Isabel Alden	Earl Alden	Erza H. Carlaw	Francis Wood
Salomon Raymond	Sam. M. Huskey	Stephen Burgess	Silvanus Haskins

Presidential Committee of School Districts.

Dist. 33	1 Otis Sauls	11 Abiel Shurtleff	21 Daniel Alden	31 Silas Pickens Jr
2	Charles E. Cady	12 George W. Snow	22 E. Learen Richmond	32 George Williams
3	Salmon Caswell	13 Capt. Jacob Thumma	23 Mrs. B. White	33 Abiel Alden
4	Silvanus Hinkley	14 Elijah Hacklet	24 Thomas Duggitt	34 Lebedee Leonard
5	Woodard Tucker	15 J. W. H. Sears	25 John P. Nelson	35 Apollas Haskins
6	Elijah Shaw Jr	16 Elias Bushman	26 E. Hannah Williams	36 Thomas Haskins
7	Levi Atwood	17 Alden Clark	27 Sumner Winsor	37 Silvanus Barrow
8	Jeremiah Wood	18 Branch Haskins	28 Reuben Haskins	38 Benja. A. Haskins
9	Oren Atwood	19 George Haskins	29 Josiah Baker	39 Lebedee Briggs
10	Matthew Haskins	20 Hanson S. Richmond	30 Anson Pierce	40 Otis Perry

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Surveyors of Ponds

Levi Cinkham Jr, Job Peice, Elisha Clark, Seth Eaton
Daniel Briggs, Jonathan Cobb, Dura Weston, George Cox
Williams Eaton, John M. Warren, James Warren

Auditors.

Samuel Thompson, William Bourne, Winslow Thomas
Amel Benson, Silvanus Barrows, Lothrop S. Thomas
Jonathan Cobb, George W. Wood, Joseph Barker.
Art. 8 Voted to pass over this Art. at present

The 3rd & 4th Articles were passed over

Under the 5th Article, The Committee, to whom was
referred a List of Jurors, Presented a Report which was
read & was by Vote accepted & the same is recorded
Passed over the 6th, 7th & 8th Articles.

Voted to discontinue neat cattle cattle & Horses from going at
large the present year

10 V. Chase Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper

Also to have the care of the Town House & to keep the
key of the same

11 Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be a Committee
to contract with some person to take charge of the
Alms House &c.

12 In relation to the Surplus Money, Voted that the
Treasurer & Committee make a Report of the condition
&c of S. Money at the Adjournment of this meeting

13 Under this Article a Petition was presented, Then by
Vote the whole subject was referred to the selectmen

14 Voted to refer this Article to the Selectmen

15 Under this Article Moved and Voted to give Five
Hundred Dollars agreeable to the tenure of this
Article.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the first Monday
in April next at 2 o'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting March 2, 1840 by Adjournment

April 6. This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment.

Samuel Rounsaville Moderator.

Excused. Voted to excuse Andrew Weston from serving as —
Surveyor of Highways the present year and chose
David Alden Jr in his stead.

Voted To excuse Nathaniel Rider as Surveyor of Highway
and chose Asa Benson in his stead.

Voted To excuse Earle Sproat as Surveyor of Highway
and chose Earle Sproat in his stead.

Voted To excuse Orlando W. Garver as Surveyor of Highway
and chose Joseph Barker in his stead.

Voted And Excused Andrew Benson as Surveyor of Highway
and chose Nathan Rider in his stead.

Voted and Excused Harrison Barrows as Surveyor of Highway
and chose Tyler Pierce in his stead.

Voted To excuse George Williams as Prudential School
Committee the present year and chose Abner Barrows
in his stead.

Voted To choose an additional Fence Viewer & Field Drive
the present year, & chose Bartlett Thomas.

Voted to choose a committee of three to serve as School
Committee the present year.

School Then Voted by Ballot and chose for said Committee
Abishai C. Clark, Isaac M. Putnam, Stillman Benson,
Bradford Tharlow & Thomas Doggett.

Inspr. Voted and chose the following persons Inspectors of
Fish the Herring Fishery the present year to wit

Seth Eaton, Abner Leonard, Edwin Leach, Charlton B. M.
Adoniram J. Bushman, William A. Coombs.

Report The School Committee made their Annual Report which
was read and by vote accepted & is on file.

Report The Overseers of the Poor made their Annual Report
which was read and by vote accepted & is on file.

Highway Voted To raise the same amount for the repairs of
Dux Highways the present year as was raised the last year
which was \$2000, and to be spent in the same way, & in the
manner as it was the last year and the Bills come in.

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Voted to appropriate for the support of Schools the
present year \$3.125.

Voted to Apply the Interest on the Surplus Revenue
Money in addition to the \$3.125, for Schools the present year.
Also Voted to Apply the State School Fund Money to Schools
in addition to the foregoing sums.

Voted to Re loan the Interest on the Surplus Money
till December next in the same way and manner as it
was the last year.

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the next Town
Meeting to be holden in this place at 2 O'Clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk.

March Meeting of March 2, 1840 by Adjournment
1840- This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment.
Gaud. Rounsaville, Moderator.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer &
Report the state of the same, made a report
which was by vote accepted & is on file.
Voted to raise the sum of seven thousand, seven
hundred dollars by Tax to pay the current
expenses for the year 1840.

Voted that the Collector issue his Summons
used for unsettled Taxes by the first of April
Annually.

Voted to Adjourn to the next Meeting to be
holden in this place at 2 O'Clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk.

March Meeting of March 2, 1840 by Adjournment
1841 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
Adjournment. G. Rounsaville Moderator.

No business coming before the Meeting.
Voted to Adjourn till the next meeting in
this place at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk.

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Town Meeting April 6th 1840

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 6th day of April A.D. 1840, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy: Viz
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth. Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn, all the Inhabitants, of the Town of Middleborough, who are by Law qualified to Vote for Senators and Representatives, in the General Court, to meet at the Town House, in Middleborough, on Monday the 6th day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, being the first Monday in said month.

Then and there, to give in their Votes, by ballot to the Selectmen, for or against a proposed article of amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, pursuant to a Resolve of the General Court, of the 10th of March, 1840. And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season, as the Law requires, by posting up attested copies thereof, at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of the same to the Selectmen with your doings thereon, at the time & place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Nineteenth day of March One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty.

Bridford Harlow Selectmen
Hillman Benson } of the Town of
Zella Pickens } Middleborough
Garr. Rounsaville }

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned
Middleboro March 21st 1840. Joseph Barker Constable

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Then Voted by Ballot for & Against the proposed Article of Amendment to the Constitution
And the Votes for the Amendment, were 171. Votes
" " Against the Amendment 38 "
This meeting was then dissolved

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk.

Down Meeting of September 23 1839 by Adjournment
1840 April 6th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment.

Jonathan Cobb Moderator

The Committee chosen under the 4th Article, in the Warrant for this Meeting, in relation to a house of Industry, presented a Report, which was read and was by Vote accepted, And is on file.

Then Voted to choose a Committee to effect the building of said House of Industry so called.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be a Committee.
Voted that said Committee be limited, to be at no more expense in building said House of Industry than \$250.
And the same to be completed in 14 months from this date.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

Annual March Meeting of March 2^d 1840 by Adjournment
at 26, 1840 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment

at 1st John Gann Rounsaville Moderator

6 Voted to choose a Committee of three to settle with the Town Treasurer & report a statement of the Treasury to the Town - and Wm Bourne

Benj. R. Wood

Elsha Richmond - was chosen

at 13 The Committee appointed to district the School Districts made a report (Districts No. 20, 21, 23 & 34) & same report was recommended to same Committee to divide said districts -

Adjourned to the 2^d Monday in Nov. next.
Eliab Ward Town Clerk, pro tem

Rec^d & Records by A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting October 26, 1840 Page 348.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Twenty day of October A.D. 1840. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid you are requested to notify & warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough, on Monday, the Twenty sixth day of October, instant, at 6 O'Clock, in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following business to wit.

First - To choose a Moderator, to govern said Meeting

Second - To take into consideration a Claim Bennett Darling exhibits against the Town and allow the same, if they see fit.

Third - To see if the Town will authorize any alterations in the Back Central Seats of their Town House - to make them more convenient - and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this warrant in due season by posting up attested Copies thereof, as the Law requires, & if fail not, and make due return of the same, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time & place of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this Twelfth day of October in the Year one Thousand, eight Hundred and forty.

Genl. Rounsaville

Bradford Harlow

Zetta Pickins Jr

Stillman Benson

Thomas Orgett

Selectmen of
the Town of
Middleborough

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Plymouth Co.

Middleborough Oct 15, 1840

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of said Town as within directed by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Joseph Clark 3^d. Constable

The Town Clerk being absent & sick, chose Eliab Ward Town Clerk for the time being.

Chose Genl. Rounsaville Moderator

In relation to B. Darling's Claim, voted to allow him one third of the sum which was paid by Joshua Eldridge into the Town Treasury, without interest & to authorize the Town Treasurer to pay the same.

Voted to authorize no alteration in their Town House

Eliab Ward, Town Clerk, pro tem

Rec'd & Received by A. Shaw, Town Clerk

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Meeting for Choice of Gov. Lieut. Gov. Senats. Reps. & Electors of President & Vice President

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough at a legal Meeting holden on the ninth day of November A.D. 1840, pursuant to a warrant for that purpose duly issued & returned, of which the following is a true Copy viz -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County, Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts aforesaid, you are required to notify & town all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House, in said Middleborough on Monday the ninth day of November next, at nine O'Clock in the forenoon then & there

To give in their votes to the Selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and Two Senators for the County of Plymouth -

To give in their votes for Fourteen Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, to wit, Two Electors at Large and one Elector for each of the Congressional districts, into which the Commonwealth is divided -

To give in their votes for a Representative in the seven hundredth Congress of the United States, for the Tenth Congressional District -

To Choose one or more Representatives, to represent them in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next -

And you are directed to serve this warrant in due season, as the Law requires, thereof fail not, and make return of this warrant with your doing thereunto the Selectmen on or before the day and time of Meeting aforesaid

Given under our hands this Twelfth day of

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Meeting for Choice of Gov. Lt. Gov. Senats. &c
October, in the year one thousand, eight hundred & forty -

Brauford Harlow
William Benson
Zattu Perkins Jr
Thomas Doggett
Saml. Houserville
Selectmen of Middleborough

Plymouth Co. Middleborough Oct 31, 1840
By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of this Town of Middleborough as within directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town - Joseph Clark 3^d Constable

The said Inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Gov. Senats, Representatives to Congress, Electors of Pres. & V. Pres. & Reps. to the Genl. Court - viz -
The whole number of Ballots were
Hundred & sixty three

Gov. Hon. Marcus Morton had 632 }
Hon. John Davis " 431 } for Governor

The whole no. of Ballots for Lt. Gov were 1064

Nathan Willis had 627 }
George Hull " 438 } for Lieut. Governor

Rep. Henry Williams had 625 }
Nathl. B. Borden " 440 } for Reps. to Congress whole no. of Ballots 1065

Peter H. Peirce had - 627

Edward P. Little " - 626

Zeth Sprague Jr " 437

Zepher Perkins " 439

Zeth Sprague " 2

Thomas Doggett had 621

Consider Fuller " - 618

Nathl. Staples " - 437

A. T. Clark " - 438

George Shortland " 1

For Senators whole no. of Ballots 1066

Reps. to the Genl. Court whole no. of Ballots 1060

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Notes for Electors & Vice President

Whole No. of Votes was 1060

At Large Mr. P. Walker had	618	At Large Isaac C. Bates had	441
" " " Fisher "	418	" " " O'Leary Sprague "	441
Dist No. 1 Caleb Eddy "	619	Dist No. 1 Richard Haughton "	441
" 2 Robert Upton "	619	" 2 Stephen C. Phillips "	441
" 3 Nathl. Stevens "	619	" 3 Rufus Longley "	441
" 4 Timothy Thompson "	619	" 4 Sydney Willard "	441
" 5 Saml. D. Spurr "	619	" 5 Ira M. Barton "	441
" 6 Nathl. Hubbard "	619	" 6 George Grinnell "	441
" 7 John Leland "	619	" 7 Thaddeus Cameray "	441
" 8 James Fowler "	619	" 8 Saml. Winsten "	441
" 9 Artemas Brown "	619	" 9 Tho. French "	441
" 10 Nathl. C. Brownell "	619	" 10 Wilkes Wood "	437
" 11 Tho. Mendall "	619	" 11 Joseph Tripp "	441
" 12 Jasper Pierce "	619	" 12 John B. Thomas "	441

This meeting was then dissolved
Attest A. Shaw, Town Clerk

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The inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the fourth day of Jan^y 1841, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & returned, of which the following is a true copy for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth Co. To either of the constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of the said town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to Vote for Representatives in the General Court of this Commonwealth, to assemble at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the fourth day of January next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, there and there to give in their Votes to the Selectmen for a Representative that is an Inhabitant of the Sixth Congressional District of this Commonwealth, to represent them in the Congress of the United States of America for the term of Two years from the fourth day of March next.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season, as the Law requires by posting up - Attested Copies thereof at the several public Meeting Houses in said Town. Hereof fail not and make return of the said Warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the time of Meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this first day of December one Thousand Eight Hundred and forty.

Bradford Hartman
Stillman Benson } Selectmen
Latta Pickens jr } of
Thomas Doggett } Middleborough
Capt. Rouns. ville }

Plymouth Co. Middleborough Dec. 14 1840.
I hereon certify that I have notified and warned

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all the Inhabitants of the said Town of Middleborough to appear at the time and place and for the purpose as within directed by posting up copies at the several Meeting Houses, in said Town of the within Warrant in due season as the Law requires.

Silvanus Chinkley Constable
Then gave in their Votes for a Representative to Congress, which being sorted & counted as the Law requires, were as follows

The whole number of Ballots was 841.

Henry Williams had 480 Votes
Bath. B. Borden had 355 Votes

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk.

Rep to
congrs

Annual March Meeting, March 1st 1841

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the first day of March A.D. 1841, pursuant to a Warrant duly issued & Returned of which the following is a true copy, viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Plymouth ss

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County, Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to Notify and Warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified by Law to vote in elections and other town affairs, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the first day of March next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following business, to wit:

First. To choose all necessary Town Officers, to be chosen in the months of February, March or April, annually, as is required of Towns, by the Law of the Commonwealth.

Second. To give in their Votes for County Treasurer

3 To choose a board of Auditors, to consider and allow accounts against the Town, and to order the payment thereof

4th To raise such sums of Money, as the Town may determine necessary to defray all the expenditures the current year, and to appropriate the same, as may be most proper, to direct when to be assessed, and how paid, and collected, and to act any thing in relation thereto, that the Town may see cause.

5th To hear all reports, that may be made, by any committee Agent or Town Officers relating to the subjects committed to their charge, & to act thereon as the town may think most proper

6th To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer and to make a report of the condition of the Treasury with an estimate for an amount of Money necessary to be raised by Taxation the present year.

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #100
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- Seventh To allow by a Vote of the Town, the compensation to the collector of Monies and Treasurers, for his services the last year, and to act as the town may see cause thereon
- Eighth To allow any demands against the Town that may be thought proper, and order the payment thereof as the Town may see fit.
- Ninth To see if the Town will allow neat cattle & horses to go at large the present year and to act thereon as they may see cause
- Tenth To choose a Pound Keeper and also some person to have the care of the Town House, and to keep the Key of the same
- Eleventh To choose a committee to make a contract with some suitable person to take charge of, and - superintend the affairs at the Alms House for the next year ensuing, and act thereon.
- Twelfth To see what order or directions the Town will give their Treasurer & Committee in relation to the deposits of Surplus Money (so called) loaned to individuals, and to act anything relating thereto that the Town may see cause
- Thirteenth To act any thing in relation to the limits of School Districts, or relating to individuals or parts of Districts who may wish to be set off from one District to another, in, or out of this town into an adjoining Town
- Fourteenth To hear the request of Sundry Inhabitants of School District No 18, for an allowance of School Money equal to the sum which was erroneously taken by the School Committee from said district for 1839 and applied to support a School in District No 37 of which said Silvanus Barrows was Prudential Committee man for the year 1839, and to act thereon.
- Fifteenth To see if the Town will authorize any alteration

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- or repairs, of the seats in their Town House the present year, and act thereon as they may see cause.
- Sixteenth To dispose of the privilege of taking Herrings at the several Fishing places in said Town the present year, by selling the same for one or more years, or, otherwise as is by Law provided, and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at the several Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleboro in due season as the law requires. Hereof fail not and make return of the same with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk on or before the day & time of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Bradford Harlow } Selectman
Zattu Pickens Jr } of the Town
Gamb: Rounseville } Middleboro.

Plymouths February 12th 1841

By Virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Joseph Clark } Constable.

When Voted by Ballot and chose Asad Thompson Moderator.

The following Persons were then Elected by Ballot to the several Offices designated viz

Allen Shaw, Town Clerk.
Bradford Harlow, Stillman Benson,
Zattu Pickens Jr, Thomas Doggett } Selectmen
& Gamb: Rounseville.

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Allen Shaw Treasurer & Collector of Taxes.
Constables

Joseph Clark S. Silvanus Hinkley George M. Wood.
William Murdock, Benjⁿ & Thomas, Joseph Barber.
George Hoar. & Southworth Ellis.

Overseers of the Poor.

Benjⁿ P. Wood, Joseph Clark S. & Silvanus Barrows

Auditors

Seth Eaton, Wm Bourne, William Shurtleff.

Josiah Perkins, Silvanus Barrows.

Job P. Nelson, Jonathan Cobb

Surveyors of Lumber.

Milton Alden, Job Pierce, Abishai Clark, Seth Eaton.

Daniel Briggs Jonathan Cobb Dura Weston.

George Cox, Williams Eaton, John M. Warren.

Silvanus Hinkley.

Surveyors of Highways

Job Cobb	John W. Canedy	Erza Harlow	Simon Bushman
Andrew Benson	Wm. Staples	Salomon Harlow	Bradford Harlow
Samuel Rider	John Shaw	John Warren	Benade Sturtevant
Lyman Thomas	Samuel Shaw	Jacob Bennett	Stillman Benson
Reuel Thompson	Jacob Atwood	Edmund Thompson	Josiah Barber
Zebulon W. Pratt	Harvey Smith	Thomas Doggett	Simon M. Pratt
David Alden Jr	Horatio & Thomas Breen	Atwood	James Sheppard
Elias Randall	Charles White	Reuel Eaton	John Vaughan
Enos Parris	Harvey Kirkham Jr	Montgomery	Lephas Thompson
Samuel Gale	Joseph Shackley	Albert G. Pratt	Silas Pickens
Everett Bent	Silvanus Hinkley	Amara Thompson	Moses Parris
Job P. Nelson	Alden Clark	Eliab Deane	Thomas Weston
Jira Winslow	Josiah Baker	Alfred Thompson	Benjamin G. Benson
Henry Crocker	Asa D. Winslow	Henry D. Bassett	Uriah Sampson

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Genes Viewers & Field Drivers

Isa. Morse	Elijah Alden	Reuben Hafford	Amos Washburn
Ethan Earle	Philander Sampson	Moses Parris	Charles E. Edg
Wilson Wood Jr	Eli M. Jones	George Waterman	Stephen & Rider
Erza Chase	Edw ^d Ellis	Enoch Southworth	Churchill & Stetgate
Isaac K. Bushman	Wm. H. Sampson	David Alden Jr	Jacob Thomas
Edmund Quaker	John Willis	Wm. H. Macomber	Loring Bryant
Wm. Ashby	John & Vaughan	Rundall Deane	Elisha Kirkham
Joseph Clark S	Earl Alden	George Bennett	Francis Wood
Calch Alden	Edmund Williams	Daniel Gurney	Joseph H. Bish
Wm. Gibley	Salomon M. Washburn	William Davis	Solomon Beals
George Sturtevant			

Prudential Committee of School Districts

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That the School Committee consist of the
Voted by Ballot & chose for a Committee
Bradford Harlow, Stillman Benson.
& Thomas Doggett.

1st 9 Voted to pass to the consideration of the 10th Article which
is to discontinue the privilege of taking Hearings at the second
Wares in said Town.
Voted to choose a committee to take charge of the
Hearings at the several Wares in said Town, and
that said Committee pay over all Ballances in
their hands, and all proceeds arising from the
Hearings, into the hands of the Town Treasurer, by the

First of Oct. next.

Voted & chose Earle Sprout to take charge of the Slitting Mill Ware. Capt Silvanus Barrows to take charge of the Old Ware, & Capt Nathl. Staples to take charge of the Assawamset Pond Ware

Voted that the Herring Committee charge not more than 50 cents per hundred for Herrings, to the inhabitants of this Town, & that said Committee shall not deliver but 200 Herrings to each family in said Town - provided however that if there are more Herrings lying at the Ware caught than there appears families to take them at 200 each then the said Committee are to dispose of them to whom they please.

Voted. That the Committee who were appointed to take charge of the Herrings in the years 1839 & 1840. be prepared to make a settlement with the Town at the next Town Meeting held at this place & close up the whole account with the Town

Art. 14

Done to settle with Treasurer.

Voted to pass over the 14th Art in the warrant William Bourne Peter H. Pierce & Col Benjamin Wood were appointed a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

Voted to allow the Treasurer & Collector the sum of 50¢ for his services for the last year.

Voted that neat cattle be restrained from running at large

Voted That Benjamin Thompson keep the Key of the Town House & have the charge of the same and also that he shall be Pound Keeper

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be a Committee to contract with some suitable person, to take the charge & superintend the affairs of the Alms House for the next year.

Voted to pass over Articles 13, 13 & 14

Voted that Article 15th be referred to a Committee

Town House

To make such alterations & repairs in the seats &c as in their opinion the interest & convenience of the Town may require. & Arad Thompson

Peter H. Pierce & William Bourne were chosen said Committee.

Voted that Prudential School Committee men be chosen in Districts No 20, 21 & 23.

No 20 Dr Morril Robinson was chosen No 21

Zephaniah Shaw & Dr 23 Nathan Washburn

Voted that the Alms House shall have as many Herrings as the Overseers of the Poor shall think proper

School Districts

Voted to accept of a Report made by the Committee appointed to district anew, Districts No 34, 20, 21, & 23 which report makes three Districts out of the four. Said Report was recommended for the purpose of setting up the bounds and Monuments.

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next Town Meeting held at this place.

Chas. Brand Town Clerk

For temp

A True Record Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Report

The following are the miles & bounds of the three School Districts, as constituted anew by the Town of Middlebury, in Town Meeting Assembled March the first 1841 to wit.

School District No 20 is bounded as follows. Beginning at the Junction great River so called about fifty Rods below Titicut Bridge, at the entrance of a Brook that runs through the land of Deborah N. Pratt, into the Junction great River aforesaid, for the first bound. from thence in an Easterly & Direct course passing between the Dwelling Houses of Isaac Pratt & Capt Jacob Pratt having each at equal distance from said direct line

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to the Easterly side of the Highway, that passes the said Isaac & Jared Patts Dwelling Houses, to a stake and stones for a bound, from thence in a direct line Easterly, to the west side of the Turnpike Road about thirty Rods South of the Dwelling House of Deacon Job Alden, to a Stake & Stones for a bound standing at the outward corner of said Job Aldens Stonewall, from thence in a direct course Easterly crossing said Turnpike to the Highway South of Dwelling House of Reuel M. Eaton and at the East corner of Elijah Aldens land by the Highway aforesaid and also a South corner of Land owned by Seth Eaton Esq to a Stake and Stones for a bound standing on the West side of the Highway, at the corner of said Alden & Eatons land, aforesaid, from thence Southerly by the Highway aforesaid, passing the dwellings of Reuel M. Eaton & Seth Eaton Esq to the Perchade Brook so called, thence down said Perchade brook to the Taunton great River, and thence down said River to the bound first named thus circumscribed to be known and called School District No 20.

The Bounds of School District No 21 are as follows to wit, beginning at a Stake & Stones for the first bound, on the West side of the Turnpike Road, at about thirty Rods distance South of the Dwelling House of Deacon Job Aldens and a side bound, of School District No 20, and from thence Southerly in a direct line crossing the Highway - between the Dwelling Houses of of Josiah Robinson and Enos Deakes, to a Stake & Stones, on the West side of said Highway and near the northeast corner of the said Josiah Robinsons Orchard, from thence Southerly in a direct line to an Elm Tree standing on the North Bank of Trout Brook in the Brook Meadow

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belonging to the heirs of the late Gen. Bramwell - Washburn of Taunton, from said Elm tree, down the stream of the said Trout Brook, to the Taunton great River, thence up the Taunton great River, to the first named bound of School District - No 20, thence Easterly by the Bounds of the said School District No 20, to the Turnpike Road and bound first named, thus bounded, to constitute and to be known as School District No 21.

School District No 23 is bounded as follows beginning at the Highway, on the West side of the Bridge over Perchade Brook so called, near the Dwelling House of Seth Eaton Esq from thence Southerly in a direct line to the Highway, South of the Dwelling House of Elias Randall, to a Stake and Stones, on the West side of a Highway, and the same Stake and Stones, is a bound of the said Elias Randalls Land, from thence South by the said Highway, passing the dwellings of Consider Robbins Abner Leonard and Alfred Randall to the Taunton Road, so called, to a Stake & Stones for a bound on the west side of the Road aforesaid, thence in a direct course, passing north of Hercules Richards Dwelling House & South of the Dwelling House of Jonathan Drake now lives, crossing the Turnpike Road, South of the Dwelling House of Luther & Macomber, to the junction of the second branch of Trout Brook so called, below the Jack Factory, from thence down said Trout Brook, to the Elm Tree named for a bound of School District No 21 and standing on the North Bank of said Trout Brook, from thence Northerly by the line of School District No 21 to the Stake and Stones on the South side of the

Highway between the Dwelling Houses of Enos Drake & Josiah Robinson, from thence Northerly in a direct course by the line of School District No 21 to the Stake & Stones on the west side of the Turnpike road about thirty Rods South of Deacon Josiah Aldens Dwelling House, and the same is a bound of School Districts No 20 & 21, and from thence Easterly crossing the Turnpike by the line of School District No 20, to the Highway South of Revue M. Catans Dwelling House and on the west side of said Highway, at the corner of the Lands of Seth Catan Esq & Elijah Alden is a Stake & Stone for a bound, and is a bound also of School District No 20 from thence Northerly by the said Highway to the Perchade Brook & Bridge being the Bound first named, thus Bounded to be inclusive, and known as School District No 23.

Also the following persons having formerly belonged to the old School Districts and not being included in the new are disposed of as follows, that is Capt Charles White, Samuel Reed & Elias Randall, are annexed to School District No 19 with all their Polls & Estates, Enos Caton & Daniel Savage, are with their Polls & Estates set to School District No 18, and Josiah Richmond & Eleazer Richmond & Silas Hathaway and Capt Linus Washburn, are with their Polls & Estates annexed to the Miller District so called or No 22 District as per Vote of said March 1. 1841.

Garnet Rounsaville per Order

The foregoing is a true copy from the Original Recd. & Recorded By Ashmun Town Clerk

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Town Meeting April 5th 1841

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the 5th day of April 1841 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy, viz -

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby directed to Notify and Warn, all the Inhabitants of said Town of Middleborough who are qualified by Law to vote in the Election of County Officers, and Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough, on Monday the fifth day of April next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there, to give in their Votes for Three County Commissioners, and Two Special Commissioners upon the same Ballot, and no two of said Officers must belong to the same Town.

Also to choose a Moderator, to govern a Meeting for the purpose of acting on the following business to-wit: First, to give in their Votes for a County Register of Deeds

Second to see if the Town will cause the expenses of the town to be Published & distributed.

Third To take into consideration the request of Isaac Pratt, and fiftyfour others, in relation to the course that has been taken in dividing a number of School Districts, in the Tiliut part of said Town, they feeling much injured thereby and now ask a reconsideration of the Vote of the Town that they may be reinstated, and to act thereon as the Town may see fit

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season as the Law requires, by posting up attested copies thereof at the several Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough

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Hereof fail not to make due return of this - warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this eighth day of March in the year one Thousand Eight Hundred and forty one.

Bradford Harlow } Selectmen of
Stittman Benson } the Town of
Zetta Pickens } Middleborough
Saml. Rounsaville }

Plymouth 30 March 27th 1841

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, as within directed by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Joseph Black's Constable
April 5th 1841. The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough met at their Town House on Monday the fifth day of April in the year 1841 and the Meeting was opened by reading the Warrant. Eliab Ward was chosen Clerk of said town for the time being

The first article in the warrant was to choose three County Commissioners - and two Special Commissioners for the County of Plymouth, And the following persons received the number of Votes set against their names. The whole number of Ballots given in were fifty Two.

For Commissioners
John B. Surtee of Scituate had fifty two Votes
Isaac Alden of S. Bridgewater had fifty two Votes
Thomas Savory of Wareham had fifty two Votes

For Special Commissioners
Jesse Perkins of S. Bridgewater had fifty two Votes
Jonathan Parker of Plympton had fifty two Votes

Peter H. Pierce was chosen Moderator under the April Meeting Warrant.

Register of Deeds

The first article was for the town to bring in their votes for Register of Deeds for the County of Plymouth, & Roland E. Cotton of Plymouth had sixty two votes for register of Deeds for said County, and William R. Seaver of Plymouth had two votes for Register of Deeds for said County of Plymouth.

Expenses of the Town be published

Voted that the expenses of the Town be published and distributed, & that the Town Clerk & Treasurer & the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer be the Committee to publish and distribute & that said Committee get six Hundred of the above documents for distribution.

Relieve School

Voted to pass over the Article asking the town to reconsider a vote whereby they accepted a Report made by the Committee appointed by said Town to district new School Districts No. 20, 21, 22, & 24. the vote stood 111 for reconsidering to 137 for passing over.

Voted to Adjourn said Meeting

The March Meeting was then taken up

General & chosen

Jacob Thomas excused as Surveyor of Highways & chosen in his stead

Samuel Hinkley excused as Surveyor of Highways & Galen Warren chosen in his stead

Albert Barrows excused as Surveyor of Highways & Elisha Black chosen in his stead.

Lemuel Barrows excused as Prudential School Committee & Nathan Sherman chosen in his stead

Marcus Robinson excused as Prudential School Committee & Andrew L. Allen chosen in his stead
Lebanon Shaw excused as Prudential Committee and Solomon White chosen in his stead.

Elisha Jinkham excused as Field Officer & Samuel Miller chosen in his place

General & chosen

James A. Leonard excused as Surveyor of Highways & Arad Thompson chosen in his stead

School

Voted to set off Albert & Pratt from School District No. 21 with his Estate & Polls & annex him to a District in the Town of Bridgewater if they think best to take him with his Polls & Estate

Voted to set off Luther & Macomber with his Polls & Estate from School District No. 23 & annex him to School District No. 22 with his Polls & Estate

School Money

Voted that the same amount of Money be appropriated for Schools in said Town as there was the last year & distributed in the same way.

Town Highways

Voted that the same sum of Money be raised for the support of Roads & Bridges as there was the last year, & that it be spent in the same manner.

Relieve Poor

A Report was made by B. P. Wood of the situation of the Poor & of the Almshouse, said report was accepted & is on file

Relieve Schools

A Report was made by the School Committee said Report was accepted & is on file

Relieve Surplus Revenue

A Report was made by the Committee on the Surplus Revenue said Report was laid on the table

A Committee was appointed to take charge of the Surplus Revenue which was composed of the following persons William Bourne, Samuel Thompson, —

Relieve Surplus Revenue

Nathaniel Macomber, Arad Thompson, —

& Peter H. Pierce with the Treasurer of said Town Voted that no man's name shall be on more than one vote for Surplus Revenue, neither as principal or Surety of one hundred Dollars or upwards

all other

Voted that the Committee on the Surplus be directed to call in fifteen per cent on all votes for the Surplus Revenue provided that no vote

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shall be reduced below one Hundred Dollars
Voted that the Interest on the Surplus Revenue
be lowered until next December

The following persons were chosen Stewards
Garnet Rounselle, Abner Barrows & Jacob Barrows

The following persons were chosen Herring
Inspectors. Nathaniel Staples, Silvanus Barrows,
Earle Sproat, Abner Leonard, Thomas Barrows,
Garnet Rounselle, Silvanus Hinkley,
Adoniram J. Bushman, Thomas Snow,
William A. Boombs, John B. Pierce &
Edwin J. Leach.

Voted that the nett proceeds arising from the
Herrings shall be deducted from the Poll Tax
Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next
Town Meeting held in this place at three o'clock
in the afternoon

Eliab Ward clerk Pro Tem
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of March 1. 1841 By Adjournment
June 14th this Meeting was taken up, but no business coming
before the Meeting, therefore Voted to Adjourn this
Meeting to the next meeting to be holden in this
place at 3 o'clock P.M.

Also at 8 time & place took up the April Meeting
of April 5th 1841 & Adjourned the same to the same
time & place.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk
Town Meeting of March 1. 1841 By Adjournment
Oct 4th this Meeting was taken up, and
Thompson Moderator, No Business coming up.
Voted to adjourn to the next Meeting which
will be the 11th of Oct Inst. at 1 o'clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting June 14 1841

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. Is any Constable in the town of Middleboro
Plymouth County. Greeting

In the name of said Commonwealth you are hereby
required to summon the Inhabitants of said town
of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs
to assemble at the Town House in said town on
Monday the fourteenth day of June next at two o'clock
in the afternoon for the purpose following
that is to say. To see if said town will reconsider
the vote whereby they made certain alterations
in School Districts Nos. 20, 21 & 23, according to the
report of the towns committee, accepted by said
town at their last March Meeting, & permit said
Districts to remain as they heretofore have been,
& do any thing thereon which said town shall see fit.

Hereof fail not and make due returns of this
Warrant and your doings thereon

Given under my hand and seal this twenty
ninth day of May one thousand eight hundred &
forty one

Zachariah Eddy

Justice of the Peace for
County of Plymouth
Plymouth Co. Middleborough May 29 1841 By virtue of this
Warrant I have summoned the Inhabitants of the town
of Middleborough qualified to vote in town affairs, to
assemble at the time & place & for the purposes within
mentioned by posting up notifications thereof at
several public places in said town

William Murdock, Constable of
Middleborough

Then Voted by Ballot & chose Peter H. Pierce Moderator
Then Voted to dissolve this Meeting.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Oct. 4th 1841

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in town Meeting on Monday
the 4th day of Oct. 1841 pursuant to a Warrant
duly issued & returned of which the following
is a true copy Ver

Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of
the Town of Middleborough, in & County of
Plymouth

In the name of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, you are required to notify &
warn all the Inhabitants of the said town of
Middleborough, who are qualified to vote in
town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in
said Middleborough on Monday the fourth
day of October next at one O'clock in the
Afternoon, then and there to act on the
following business to wit

First to choose a Moderator to govern said
Meeting.

Second To see if the Town will approve,
or oppose the Petition of Abraham Perkins
and others, to the County Commissioners,
for the purpose of having the Turnpike Road,
leading from the School House near Luther
Washburns in Middleborough to the Academy
in Bridgewater laid out and established as a
public Highway, in said Middleborough and to
act thereon as the town may see cause.

Third By request of a number of persons in writing
to see whether the town will not refund the
expenses of the selectmen were at in defending
a complaint which was preferred against them
in December 1840, and to act thereon as they
may think proper

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant in
due season as the Law requires by posting up
attested copies of the same at the several
Meeting Houses in the said town of Middleborough

Hereof fail not and make return of
this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town
Clerk at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid

Given under our hands this Thirtieth day
of September in the year one thousand eight
Hundred and forty one

Bradford Harlow

William Benson

Luther Perkins

Thomas Daggett

Saml. Rounselle

Selectmen

of

Middleborough

P.S. The annual March Meeting Warrant will be
acted on at the same time and the amount
of Money to be raised for the year will then
be voted & when to be collected &c.

Plymouth Co. Sept 25 1841

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified
the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
to meet at their Town House as within directed
by posting up Notices at the usual Meeting
Houses in & Town.

Joseph Clark's Constable

Then Voted & chose William Bourne
Moderator to govern & Meeting

Then in consequence of severe stormy weather

Voted to adjourn & Meeting to Monday the
Eleventh Inst at one O'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Oct. 4. & March 1. Meeting continued

Down Meeting of Oct. 4th 1841 By Adjournment
1841 Oct. 11th This Meeting was taken up. Hon Bourne Moderator
Second
Turnpike
Road
Voted to oppose the laying out by the bounty
commissioners, of the Turnpike Road, so called,
in the town of Middleborough

Voted to choose a committee to confer with the
bounty commissioners on a subject
Chose for D. committee Hon Withers Wood
Then voted, that if the bounty commissioners
will satisfy their committee in their
appropriations for Building a Road & Bridge, to
accept of it or otherwise to oppose it

Third
Selectmen
p. #200-

Voted That there be paid out of the Money now in
the Treasury of the Town of Middleborough the sum of
Two Hundred Dollars to the Selectmen of said town
for expenses incurred and services performed in
the discharge of their Official Duties within the
last year

Voted to Dissolve this Meeting
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

March Meeting of March 1st 1841 By Adjournment
1841 Oct. 11 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment
And Thompson Moderator.

The committee to settle with the Treasurer made a
Report, which was read & Accepted & then filed
Then Voted to Raise by Tax the sum of Five
5000.00 Thousand Dollars to defray the expenses the current year
Voted that the Tax Bills be committed to the collector
the first of Nov. next

Also Voted that a deduction of 10 per cent shall be made on
all taxes paid within 60 days from the commitment
of D. Bills, Also 5 per cent on all paid within 90 days
And Also 3 per cent on all paid within 120 days
from D. commitment. Also Voted that the Coll. issue his Summons
on the first of March next.
Voted to choose a committee to collect all fine

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and demands for the present year remaining
unsettled at this time

Voted & chose for a committee Nathaniel Staples

Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the next
Meeting to be holden in this place at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

By Mistake Omitted the Recording of the following
Vote at the above meeting in its proper place

By request of Alfred Randall Voted to set him
together with his Poll & Estate, off from School District
No 23 and Annex them to School District No 18

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting Monday, Nov 8th 1841

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Eighth day of November A.D. 1841, Pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough - Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Eighth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, being the second Monday in said month of November.

First, to determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose for the year ensuing.

To give in their

To choose one or more Representatives, to the General Court, to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

To give in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Two Senators for the District of Plymouth, on one ballot.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant in due season, as the law requires, by posting up attested copies thereof at the several Meeting-Houses in said Middleborough.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our Hands this Eighteenth day of October, in the year, one Thousand, Eight

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Hundred & Forty one.

Bradford Harlow
Stillman Benson
Zotter Pickens Jr.
Thomas Doggett
Gamb Rounsaville

Selectmen
of the
Town of
Middleborough

Plymouth Co. Middleborough Oct. 27, 1841.

By virtue of this warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough to meet at their Town House as within directed, by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Joseph Clark 3^d. Constable.

Moved and voted to choose two Representatives to represent this Town in the next General Court. Then gave in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Representatives on one Ticket which being sorted, counted, and Declaration thereof being made, were as follows, to wit.

The whole number of ballots for Governor was 961

Marcus Morton had 604 votes

John Davis had 357 votes

The whole number of ballots for Lt Governor was 962

Henry H. Childs had 606 votes

George Hull had 356 votes

The whole number of ballots for Senators was 963

Peter H. Purice had 607 votes

Edward P. Little had 607 votes

Seth Spague Jr had 356 votes

Jesse Perkins had 356 votes

The whole number of ballots for Representatives was 951

George Sturtevant had 596 votes

Black Ward had 352 votes

Ebenezer Buggs Jr had 354 votes

William S. Eddy had 351 votes

Jared Pratt had 67 votes
William Shurtleff had 1 vote

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

1841 March Meeting of March 1st 1841 By Adjournment
Nov. 8th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to
Adjournment. Read Thompson Moderator.
Voted to adjourn till the next meeting at
this place at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the
seventh day of March, 1842, pursuant to a Warrant
duly issued and returned of which the following
is a true Copy. Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Smyth

To either of the Constables of the town of
Middleborough, in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are
hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants
of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified by law
to vote in Elections and other Town affairs, to meet at the
Town House, in said Middleborough, on Monday the seventh
day of March next, at Ten O'clock in the forenoon, there to
act on the following business - to wit -

- 1st To choose a Moderator, to govern said Meeting. -
- 2nd To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.
- 3rd To bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- 4th To choose a board of Auditors, to consider and allow
accounts against the Town, and to order the payment
thereof, if the Town see cause.
- 5th To raise such sums of Money, as the Town may determine necessary
to defray all the expenditures the current year, and to appropriate
the same as may be most proper, to direct when to be
applied, and how paid and collected and to act anything
in relation thereto that the Town may see cause.
- 6th To allow demands against the Town, and order the payment
as they may see cause.
- 7th To choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer, and
to make a report of the condition of the Treasury, with
an estimate for an amount of Money, necessary to be
raised by Taxation the present year.
- 8th To allow, by vote, the Salary due the Collector and
Treasurer for his services the past year and to act anything
therein, as the Town may see cause.

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- 9th To see if the Town will allow meat cattle and horses to go at large the present year, and to act thereon as they may see.
- 10th To Choose a Pound-keeper, and also some person to have the care of the Town House, and to keep the key of the same.
- 11th To Choose a Committee to make a Contract with some suitable person, to take the charge of, and superintend the affairs at the Alms House, for the next year ensuing, and to act any thing thereon.
- 12th To see if the Town will give the Committee on the Surplus Revenue, any new instructions on the management of the same, and to act thereon, as they may see cause.
- 13th To see if the Town will act any thing in relation to School Districts, by being Petitioned so to do, by individuals who may wish to be set off from one District to another, in or out of this Town.
- 14th To see if the Town will authorize their Prudential School Committee to contract with Teachers for their Districts, and act thereon.
- 15th By request. To see if the Town will discontinue an old Road, through the Land of Noble Canceled, commencing on the Northerly side of the County Road so called, near Mr. Geo. Hears Dwelling House, & running Northerly to Taunton line a distance of about seventy Rods & to act thereon.
- 16th To dispose of the privilege of taking Herrings at the several Fishing places in town, the present year by selling the same, or otherwise, as is by law provided, and to act any thing thereon, as the Town may see cause.
- 17th To see what the Town will do with the fishway at Peice & Woods Dam, being represented as altogether insufficient for Herrings to pass & was so the last year & to act thereon, as the Town may see cause.
- 18th To hear the request of Wilkes Wood Esq. to be discharged from a Committee of the Town, to enforce the Fishing Laws

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March Meeting, 1842. Continued

- at Squabety on Taunton Great River, and to act thereon as they shall see cause.
- 19th To see if the Town will so amend their Records, on their doings, in making territorial alterations in School Districts No. 34, 20, 21 & 23, under their March Meeting Warrant of 1841, as to make them conform to the Votes passed, and also, to adopt the description of School Districts No. 21, 21 & 23, on the Records of the Town as defining & constituting the territorial limits of each of the said last three named Districts and to act thereon as they shall see cause.
- 20th To hear all reports, that may be made by any Committee, Agent or Town officers, relating to the subjects committed to their charge and to act thereon as the Town shall see cause.
- 21st To hear the request of Joseph Maxham, that the said Town of Middleborough will instruct their Selectmen to discontinue their petition now pending before the Probate Court, for the appointment of a Guardian over Nath^l Maxham or pass such order upon the Subject as said Town may deem proper.
- 22nd To see what the Town will do with a piece of Wareham Road so called situate on the Town line of Rochester, a distance of about thirty Rods, between the Dwelling House of Joshua Spedraon & the Dwelling of Betsy & Mary Morse & to act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same, at the several Public Meeting Houses in the said Town of Middleborough in due season, seven days at least before the time of Meeting as is required by Law.

Hereof fail not, and make return of the same, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the day & time of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this
Fourteenth day of February, in the year One Thousand

Eight Hundred and forty two.

Gam'l Rounsaville } Selectmen
Lattu Pickens Jr. } of the Town
Stallman Benson } of the Town

Plymouth Jr. Feb. 26. 1842.

By virtue of this Warrant, I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Jos. Clark 3. Constable.

Voted by Ballot and made choice of Asad Thompson Moderator. The following persons were then elected to the offices designated, viz.
Allen Shaw. Town Clerk.

Bradford Harlow
Stallman Benson
Lattu Pickens Jr. } Selectmen.
Thomas Doggett } Each having 335 votes
Gam'l Rounsaville } and were elected,
Peter H. Pierce, Saml Thompson, Zach' W. Rider
Thomas Doggett & Reuben Sheppard, had each 138 votes for Selectmen, and also 125 mutilated votes.

Allen Shaw, Treasurer.

Allen Shaw, Collector of Taxes.

Constables.

Joseph Clark 3. Silvanus Hinkley, Milton Alden
George W. Wood, Benjamin F. Thomas, Elijah Hackitt
Willard Clark, Southworth Ellis.

Overseers of the Poor.

Benjamin P. Wood, Joseph Clark 3. & Silvanus Barrows.

Auditors.

William Brune, Seth Eaton, William Shurtleff,
Charles Smith, Silvanus Barrows, Daniel Briggs,
Jonathan Cobb.

Surveyors of Land.

Milton Alden, Job Pierce, Abisha T. Clark.
Lewis Eaton, Daniel Briggs, Seth Miller,
Dura Weston, Consider Fuller, Williams Eaton,
John M. Warren, Cornelius B. Wood.

Stewards Men.

Father Mardock, Silvanus Barrows, Silvanus Hinkley.

School Committee.

Voted to choose five for said Committee,
also voted that they receive no compensation for their services, the current year.

Voted, and made choice of, Shab' Ward,
Richard Sampson, George Sturtevant,
Stallman Benson, & Thomas Doggett.

Prudential Committee for School Districts

1. Jacob Atwood.	11. Lethrop Shurtleff.	21. Levi Morse.	31. Amiah Sampson.
2. Charles Eddy.	12. Samuel Rider.	22. Tisdale Leonard.	32. Nathaniel Perkins.
3. Jacob T. Barrows.	13. Eli Pierce.	23. Daniel Alden.	33. Joseph P. Perkins.
4. Silvanus Hinkley.	14. Earl Alden.	24. William Barlow.	34. William Southworth.
5. George W. Wood.	15. Lewis Harlow.	25. Abisha T. Clark.	35. Bradford Harlow.
6. Venus Thompson.	16. Alden & Pierce.	26. Ebenezer Perkins.	36. Albert Thomas.
7. Lehabed Sampson.	17. Hanson Barrows.	27. Joseph Shurtleff.	37. Allen Raymond.
8. David Wood.	18. Ebenezer Perkins.	28. Asa T. Hinkley.	38. Everett Smith.
9. Asaph Atwood.	19. James G. Bushman.	29. Josiah Baker.	39. William T. Woods.
10. Cyrus LeBarrow.	20. Robert Clark.	30. John Pierce.	

Voted to refer Art. 17. to a Committee of 3.

Chose for said Committee, Tisdale Leonard,
Lebedee Leonard, Gam'l Rounsaville.

Voted to pass to the 18th Article.

Voted to accept and adopt Wilkes Woods motion to amend the Record as follows, viz.

Voted that the vote & Record on the Records of the doings of the town, under the March Meeting Warrant for 1841, and under the thirteenth article in said Warrant be amended, as to read as follows, viz.

Voted to accept and adopt the Report of the Committee

Schools

to whom was referred the reduction of School Districts Nos. 20, 21, 23, and 34, to three Districts, to be numbered 20, 21, and 23, as made and delineated on a map of the town.

Voted that the same committee be, and are hereby instructed to set up permanent monuments for the three several Districts, and also to make out a full and accurate Description of the three said Districts, in conformity to the Report accepted and adopted, and to make return of the same to the Clerk of the town.

And that the Clerk be, and is hereby directed to place the same, when made, upon the Records of the town. Also voted, now to accept and adopt the description, the same having been read, made by the Committee and received by the Clerk, in conformity to the preceding vote, as describing and constituting the territorial limits of School Districts Nos. 20, 21, and 23.

Voted to pass to the 16th Article.

Fishes

voted to choose a Committee of one, to catch the Herrings the present year.

Chose Fiskeale Leonard for said Committee. Voted that they be sold under the same instructions as last year.

Voted to choose a Committee of one in each Selectmen District, to distribute fish to the poor Widows.

Chose Gamt. Hounseville, Bradford Hardow, Fullman Benson, Thomas Loggett, and Zettu Pickens, for said Committee.

Also Voted that they give no widow more than 20 fish.

Voted, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to the First Monday in April next at 1 o'clock P.M.

Then gave in their votes for County Treasurer, and

William R. Sever of Plymouth had 116 votes

Joseph Bradford of Plymouth had 136 votes.

The number of ballots given in was 302.

Then voted to adjourn.

County Treasurer

Attest Allen Shaw, Town Clerk

1842 April 4th This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment. Asad Thompson, Moderator.

Surveyors of Highways.

Jacob Thomas 2 ^d	John H. Cundy	Elphalel Thomas	Alden C. Biscoe
Joshua Perkins	Gideon Southworth	Solomon L. Hart	Jacob Thompson
Gains Shaw	David D. Vaughan	George H. Wood	George Shurtland
Eleazer Thomas	Samuel Shaw	John Keith	Herbert Smith
David Thompson	James Soule 2 ^d	Joseph L. Barden	Wm C. Cornish
Frederic Pratt	Harvey Smith	Thomas Loggett	Jacob Barrows
William B. White	Wm C. Barrows	Ephraim Shaw	Elisha Tucker
Erasmus Washburn	Luther Murdock	Elijah Alden	Roland Pierce
Enos Davis	Harvey W. Thayer	John Montgomery	Asa Livingston
Saml Cole	Eli Williams	Albert G. Pratt	Josephus Pickens
Nathl A. Cady	Galen Thayer	Elisha C. Freeman	George L. Shaw
Saml Cole 2 ^d	Isaac Sherman	Adoniram Cushman	Thomas Weston
Elodie Allen	Joshua Baker	Nathan Sherman	Wm. Murdock
Joshua LeBaron	Asa T. Winslow	Henry D. Bassett	Uriah Sampson

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers

Seneca Thomas	Baroness G. Sampson	Geo. Waterman	Saml Cole 2 ^d
Ethan Earle	Eli Williams	Enoch Southworth	Jacob Thomas
Reuel Thompson	Eleazer Ellis	Wm B. White	James Leonard
Jacob T. Barrows	Nathl Sampson	Nathl. Macomber	Francis Wood
Isaac K. Cushman	Alden C. Biscoe	Randall Dean	Calist Alden
John Montgomery	John G. Vaughan	Winslow Thomas	Solomon Beale
Joseph Black 3 ^d	Elijah Tucker	Stephen Burgess	Philander Bryant
George H. Wood	Eleazer Southworth	Samuel Lucas	Daniel Cobb
Jacob Bennett	Asa T. Winslow	Amos Washburn	
Calvin Willson	Nathl. Cundy	Julius Swift	
Philip C. Wood	Asa Pierce	Stephen C. Widen	

Inspectors of Herrings.

Silvanus Barrows, Asa Leonard, Gamt. Hounseville, Silvanus Finchley, Adoniram J. Cushman, Venus Shaw, Cushman Vaughan, Edwin J. Leach, Edmund W. Pipe, Zebedee Shaw, John A. Pierce, Lethrop Shurtliff, Luther Murdock.

Art 5 Voted to raise by Tax the same amount for the repairs
Appropriation of Roads and Bridges, and spend the same as last year.
for Voted, that the same be assessed as heretofore, and the
Highway bills to be committed, the First of May.
Voted, also, that the Assessors be directed to issue
warrants of distress to the Surveyors for collecting the same.
Voted to appropriate \$3125. for Schools, the present year.
Appropriated to distribute \$15. equally on each School District
except on Districts No 9, & No 33. and the remainder to
be distributed equally on the Polls.
Voted to appropriate the Interest on the Surplus Revenue
for Schools the present year.
Aft. William Bourne, Peter H. Peice and Benjamin P. Wood
were chosen a Committee to settle with the Treasurer
and report the state of the Treasury.
Voted that the Treasurer have \$50. for his services
the past year.
Voted to restrain neat Cattle & Horses from running
at large the present year.
Voted that Hercules Thomas keep the key of the
Town House, and have charge of the same.
Voted that Benjamin Thompson keep the key of the
Pound, and have charge of the same.
Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to
contract with some suitable person to take charge
of the Alms House the present year.
Chose for a Committee on the Surplus Revenue
William Bourne, Samuel Thompson, Nathl. Skacomb
Arad Thompson, & Peter H. Peice, together with the
Treasurer.
Voted that the Committee be instructed to purchase
good Stocks with such money as they may have on
hand at any time.
In relation to Art. 15th. Voted to discontinue said road
agreeably to the Articles

Com. on
Surplus
Revenue

Purchase
good Stocks

Road

In relation to Art. 21. Voted to accept a bond on
condition that the Town be exonerated from all
expense.
Voted to refer Art. 22^d to a Committee of Three.
Chose for said Committee Wilkes Wood, Wm Bourne
& Jonathan Cobb.
Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at
2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk.

March Meeting of March 7, 1842 by adjournment.
1842 Oct 10. This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment -
Arad Thompson Moderator.
Voted to pass to the consideration of the 20th Article -
and after hearing George W. Wood's Report on the Hearings
of 1839 and 1840 - Voted that the S. George W. Wood be
authorized to settle and collect all the unsettled accounts
forthwith and pay over the money to the Treasurer.
Voted to accept the Report of Tisdale Leonard on the subject
of the Hearings of 1842, and said report is on file.
The Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer was
read and by vote accepted - and the same is on file.
Voted to raise the sum of \$6000. by Tax to pay the current
expenses the present year -
Also Voted, that the Tax Bills be committed to the Collector
the first of November next.
Also Voted that a deduction of 10 p cent shall be made on
all Taxes paid within 60 days from the commitment of said
Bills - Also 5 p cent on all paid within 90 Days and
also 3 p cent on all paid within 120 Days from commitment.
Also Voted that the Collector issue his summons on the
first day of April next. Voted to raise a Committee of three
to petition the General Court, if it may be deemed necessary in aid of
the several Towns on Taunton Great River, in obtaining an altera-
tion of their Fish Laws.
Chose for said Committee Tisdale Leonard, Silvanus B. Bowers
and Silvanus Hinckley.
Adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Fishing

Art. 7

5
Tax

Fish Laws

Art 6 Voted to raise by Tax the same amount for the repairs
Appropriation of Roads and Bridges, and spend the same as last year.
for Voted, that the same be assessed as heretofore, and the
Highway bills to be committed, the First of May.
Voted, also, that the Assessors be directed to issue
warrants of distress to the Surveysors for collecting the same.
Voted to appropriate \$3125. for Schools, the present year.
Appropriation
Voted to distribute \$15. equally on each School District
except on Districts No 9, & No 33, and the remainder to
be distributed equally on the Polls.
Voted to appropriate the Interest on the Surplus Revenue
for Schools the present year.
Aft 7 William Bourne, Peter H. Peice and Benjamin P. Wood
were chosen a Committee to settle with the Treasurer
and report the state of the Treasury.
Voted that the Treasurer have \$50. for his services
the past year.
Voted to restrain neat Cattle & Horses from running
at large the present year.
Voted that Hercules Thomas keep the key of the
Town House, and have charge of the same.
Voted that Benjamin Thompson keep the key of the
Pound, and have charge of the same.
Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to
contract with some suitable person to take charge
of the Alms House the present year.
Chose for a Committee on the Surplus Revenue
William Bourne, Samuel Thompson, Nathl Macomber,
Arad Thompson, & Peter H. Peice, together with the
Treasurer.
Voted that the Committee be instructed to purchase
good Stocks with such money as they may have on
hand at any time.
In relation to Art. 15th. Voted to discontinue said road
agreeably to the Articles.

In relation to Art. 21. Voted to accept a bond on
condition that the Town be exonerated from all
expense.

Voted to refer Art. 22nd to a Committee of Three,
Chose for said Committee Wilkes Wood, W^m Bourne
& Jonathan Cobb.

Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at
2 o'clock P.M.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk,

March Meeting of March 7, 1842 by adjournment.

1842 Oct 10. This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment—
Arad Thompson Moderator.

Fishing Voted to pass to the consideration of the 20th Article—
and after hearing George H. Woods Report on the Hearings
of 1839 and 1840— Voted that the S^r George H. Wood be
authorized to settle and collect all the unsettled accounts
forthwith and pay over the money to the Treasurer.

Voted to accept the Report of Tisdale Leonard on the subject
of the Hearings of 1842, and said report is on file.

Art 7 The Report of the Committee to settle with the Treasurer was
read and by vote accepted— and the same is on file.

5 Voted to raise the sum of \$6000. by Tax to pay the current
expenses the present year—

Also voted, that the Tax Bills be committed to the Collector
the first of November next.

Also Voted that a deduction of 10 p cent shall be made on
all Taxes paid within 60 days from the commitment of said
Bills— Also 6 p cent on all paid within 90 Days and

also 3 p cent on all paid within 120 Days from commitment.
Also Voted that the Collector issue his summons on the
first day of April next.

Fish Laws Voted to raise a Committee of three
to petition the General Court, if it may be deemed necessary in aid of
the several Towns on Taunton Great River, in obtaining an altera-
tion of their Fish Laws.

Chose for said Committee Tisdale Leonard, Silvanus Baggins
and Silvanus Hinchley—
Adjourned to the next Town Meeting at 2 o'clock P.M.
Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting. Monday. October 10th 1842.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the tenth day of October 1842. pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy - viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in the County of Plymouth Greeting,

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn, all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough, on Monday, the Tenth day of October next at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following business,

- First. To Choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
- Second. To see if the Town will approve and sanction the laying out, by the Selectmen, a Town Road beginning near the Dwelling House of Joseph J. C. Leonard, thence Southwesterly by the Dwelling Houses of Timothy A. Leonard & others, to the Highway - westerly of the Dwelling House of William Southworth, and to act thereon as the Town may think proper after hearing the report of the same.
- Third. To see if the Town will set off Jonathan and George Barney, from the School District, where they now belong, and annex them to District No. 22, with their Polls and Estates, with the entire consent of both Districts, and to act on this as the Town may see cause.
- Fourth. To see if the Town will distribute the income of the Herring Fishery, this year, as they did the last, to the poll Tax paying persons, and to act thereon

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as the Town may think proper. -

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by Posting up attested Copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in the said Town of Middleborough, in due season as the Law requires.

Hereof fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid -

Given under our hands this Twelfth day of September, in the year, One Thousand Eight & forty two.

Saml. Hunscombe	} Selectmen of the town of Middleborough
Bradford Harlow	
Stillman Benson	
Latta Pickens jun.	
Thomas Duggott.	

Plymouth ss. Oct. 1st 1842.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town.

Jos. Clark P. Constable.

- First. Voted and chose Asah Thompson Moderator of Meeting.
- Second. Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen, in relation to the 2^d Article in the Warrant. (2^d Report is read in meeting)
- Also voted to adopt the same.
- Third. Voted that the line of School District No. 22, be so varied as to include the Real and Personal Estates of Jonathan and George Barney.
- Fourth. Voted that the 1st proceeds arising from the sale of the Herring the present year be deducted from the Poll Tax of the Poll Tax paying persons.
- Voted to dissolve said Meeting.

Attest Asah Town Clerk.

Report of Selectmen ^{Page 390} on Laying out Road.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the town of Middleborough have laid out for the use of the said town, a town way as follows:— Beginning at a stake on the eastward side of the road, westerly from the dwelling house of William Southworth. Thence South 88 deg. East 6 rods on the land of Joseph J. C. Leonard and Wm Southworth. Thence same course 28 rods in d Southworth's land to a stake near the North East corner of his dwelling house. Thence South 37 deg. East 35 rods on d Southworth's land to a stake on line of Timothy M. Leonard's land. Thence North 81 deg. East 38 rods on d Leonard's land to a stake. Thence North 60 deg. East continuing on d Leonard's land 36 rods to a stake. Thence North 84 deg. East 38 rods to Joseph J. C. Leonard's land. Thence North 86 deg. East 47 rods to a stake. Thence South 70 deg. East 4 rods to stake. Thence South 49 deg. East 32 rods on the lands of d Joseph J. C. Leonard and Thomas Leonard to a stake on the west side of the road near J. J. C. Leonard's dwelling house. The road to be two rods wide and to lie on the westerly side of the above line, no damages are demanded for land or fencing. Which road is hereby reported to the town for their acceptance and when accepted and recorded is forever after to be known as a public town way.
Middleborough August 8th 1842.

Bradford Harlow }
Saml Rounselle } Selectmen
Thomas Duggett }
Stillman Benson } Middleborough.

A true copy

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

March Meeting of March 7th 1842 - ^{Page 391} By Adjournment.

Nov 14th 1842 - This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment Had Thompson Moderator. No business coming before the Meeting Voted to adjourn to the next Meeting in this place at 2 o'clock P. M.

Attest Allen Shaw. Town Clerk.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Fourteenth day of November 1842, pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth. To either of the Constables of the town of Middleborough, in the County of Plymouth. Greeting In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid. You are hereby required to Notify & Warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are duly qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the Fourteenth day of November instant at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following. To wit, To determine the number of Representatives the Town will send to the General Court the ensuing year.

To choose one or more persons to represent them in the General Court to be held in Boston on the first Wednesday of January next.

To give in their votes for a Governor & Lieutenant Governor of this Commonwealth, & for two Senators for the District of Plymouth, for the year ensuing.

To give in their votes for a Representative in the Twenty-eighth Congress of United States, for District number Nine, of this Commonwealth.

And all of the above to be voted for upon one ballot. Also to choose a Moderator, to govern another meeting for the purpose of considering a request, which is To see if the Town will take measures to collect together the ancient scattered Records of the Town & cause them, & such as are now in the State office, to be put in a durable condition by having new Bindings &c. &c. — and to act on the same as the Town may think proper — And you

are directed to serve this Warrant in due season as the Law requires, and hereof fail not, and also make due return of the same, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen, at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of November, in the year one Thousand Eight Hundred & forty two.

Saml. Rounseville

Bradford Harlow

Sallman Benson

Zattu Pickens

Thomas Doggett

Selectman

Middleborough Nov. 2. 1842

Plymouth. To

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the town of Middleborough by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in & town as within directed.

Joseph Black 3^d Constable of Middleborough

Moved and voted to choose two Representatives to represent this Town in the next General Court.

Then gave in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Member of Congress in District No. Nine, Senators and Representatives, all on one ticket, which being sorted, & counted, and declaration thereof being made were as follows, to wit.

The whole number of ballots for Governor was 1106

Marcus Morton had	—	631 votes
John Davis had	—	367 votes
Samuel C. Sewall had	—	7 votes
John L. Adams had	—	1

The whole number of Ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 1008

Henry H. Childs	had	-	631 votes
George Hull	had	-	369 votes
William Jackson	had	-	7 votes
Madell Phillips	had	-	1 vote.

The whole number of Ballots for Member of Congress was 1005

Henry Williams	had	-	630 votes
Seth Sprague jr.	had	-	373 votes
Hodges Reed	had	-	2 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Senators was 1005

Edward P. Little	had	-	630 votes
Eliah Ward	had	-	615 votes
Jesse Perkins	had	-	368 votes
Wilson Barstow	had	-	368 votes
Silas Ripley	had	-	7 votes
Eliphalet Kingman	had	-	7 votes
Peter H. Pierce	had	-	4 votes

The whole number of Ballots for Representatives was

William Shurtleff Jr.	had	-	621 votes
Amos Robinson	had	-	599 votes
William S. Eddy	had	-	361 votes
Phineas Briggs jr.	had	-	362 votes
Zebulon Leonard	had	-	9 votes
Horatio L. Thomas	had	-	1 vote
George Sturtevant	had	-	1 vote

Then proceeded agreeable to the Warrant and made choice of Asael Thompson as Moderator to govern the remainder of said meeting.

Under an article of the warrant for a Town meeting held on this fourteenth day of November 1842. Voted that Eliah Ward Asael Thompson and Allen Shaw be a committee to collect together the ancient, scattered records of the Town & cause them & such others as are now in the Town Clerk's Office the binding of which is worn out & in danger of being obliterated & lost to be

transcribed and bound with a new Index.
Said Meeting was then dissolved,
Attest Allen Shaw, Town Clerk.

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 Annual March Meeting. March 6th 1843.
 The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being
 duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Sixth day
 of March 1843 pursuant to a Warrant duly issued and return
 of which the following is a true copy Viz
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth Co

To either of the Constables of the Town of
 Middleborough in said County greeting
 In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are
 hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants
 of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified
 by Law to Vote in Elections and Town affairs, to
 meet at the Town House in said Middleborough, on
 Monday the Sixth day of March next, at Ten O'clock
 in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following
 business, to wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern the Meeting
- 2 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing
- 3 To give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.
- 4th To choose a board of Auditors, to allow accounts against
 the Town, and to order the payment thereof
- 5th To raise such sums of money as the Town may
 determine necessary to defray all the expenditures the
 present year, and to appropriate the same as the Town may
 think needful. To direct when to be assessed, how paid
 and collected, and to act any thing in relation thereto
 that the Town may see cause
- 6th To allow demands against the Town and order the
 payment, as they may see cause.
- 7th To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer
 and to report the condition of the Money affairs to
 the Town, with an estimate of what sum will be
 necessary to be raised by Taxation to meet all
 appropriations the present year, and incidental charges
- 8th To see if the Town will Vote the pay to their
 Collector & Treasurer, for his services the last year

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and to act thereon.

- 9th To see if the Town will allow neat cattle and
 Horses to go at large the present year & to act thereon
- 10th To choose a pound keeper and also some
 person to have the care of the Town House.
- 11th To choose a committee to make a contract
 with some person, to have the charge and superintendence
 of the affairs at the Almshouse, for the
 next year ensuing, and to act thereon as may be
 most proper
- 12th To see if the Town will give any new
 instructions, to their committee on the Surplus
 Revenue Money, relating to the management of
 the same, and to act thereon as they may see cause.
- 13th To see if the Town will authorize their
 Prudential School committees to contract with
 Teachers for their Districts & act thereon
- 14th To dispose of the privilege of taking
 Herrings at the several Fishing places in Town
 the present year as the Law provides and to distribute
 the fish, or appropriate the income as the
 Town may determine & to act any thing thereon
- 15th To hear reports that may be made by any
 committee, Agent, or Town Officers relating to
 subjects in their charge and to act thereon as the
 Town may see cause
- 16th To see if the Town will (by request of
 Seth Eaton Esq & eleven others) direct their Treasurer
 to pay over to School District No 20 their proportion
 of the School Money, and also by request
 of the same, to present to the Town a disquisition
 relating to their difficulties in said district,
 and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.
- 17th To see if the Town will set off Mr Bonson
 Robbins from School District No 23 and annex
 him to School District No 19 with his Poll & Estate.

and act thereon, as the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by pasting up attested copies of the same, at the several Public Meeting Houses, in the said Town of Middleborough, in due season as the Law requires.

Whereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day & time of Meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirtieth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty three

Saml. Rounselle
Bradford Harlow
Stillman Benson
Lattie Pickens for
Thos. Doggett

Selectmen

of

Middleborough

29th year of March 3 1843

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by pasting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Alden Constable
of Middleborough

Then Voted by Ballot and made choice of Dr. Arad Thompson Moderator.

The following persons were then elected to the offices designated viz

Allen Shaw Clerk

chosen by Ballot

Mrs. Gamaliel Rounselle

Bradford Harlow

Stillman Benson

Lattie Pickens for

Thomas Doggett

Selectmen

chosen by Ballot

year

those

Allen Shaw Treasurer by Ballot

Allen Shaw collector of Taxes

Constables

Joseph Clark Jr. Silvanus Hinkley. Milton Alden,
George W. Wood, Benj. F. Thomas. Elijah Husket.
Asa J. Winslow. Southworth. Ellis.

Assessors of Poor

Benj. F. Wood. Joseph Clark Jr. Silvanus Barrows.

Auditors

William Bourne, Seth Eaton, Zebedee Leonard.

Ansel Benson. Silvanus Barrows, Daniel Briggs

Jonathan Cobb.

Surveyors of Lumber

Milton Alden, Job Peice, Abisha J. Clark. Lewis Eaton

Daniel Briggs. Seth Miller, Dura Weston.

Consider Fuller, Williams Eaton, John M. Purvis

James Warren.

Prudential Committee for School Districts

1 James Soule Jr	11 Solomon L. Harlow	21 Oliver Eaton	31 Silas Pickens Jr
2 George W. Burrows	12 Lorenzo Sanette	22 Leonard Washburne	32 J. H. Norton
3 Loring Bryant	13 Honatio S. Thomas	23 William Eaton	33 Joseph P. Harvies
4 Cornelius B. Wood	14 Seth Miller	24 William Harlow	34 John Huskins
5 Geo. W. Wood	15 Abisha Wood	25 Abisha W. Williams	35 David Livingston
6 Stephen Harlow	16 Galen Huskins	26 William J. Clark	36 J. H. Norton
7 Schabod Sampson	17 Abisha J. Clark	27 Sumner Hinds	37 Benjamin H. Sawyer
8 Isaacman & J. L. Allen	18 Abiel Wood	28 Elbridge F. Ashley	38 Oliver Leonard
9 Ephraim Shaw	19 Reuel Atwood	29 Supt. Silas Ashley	39 Lewis Burrows
10 Marston Harlow	20 Rahum M. Keith	30 John Peice	

Then Moved & Voted that when this Meeting Adjourns it Adjourn to the first day of April next at one o'clock P. M.

Moved & Voted to pass to the 16th Article.

Voted not to pay Seth Eaton Esq agreeable to the said 16th Article.

Then Voted to pass to the 14th Article

Under 10 Article Voted to choose an Agent

Fishing

to manage the whole affair and dispose of the Fish as last year and at the same prices
Chase for said Agent Oisdale Leonard
Voted that the fish be sold for 2¢ per hundred and not to exceed that amount

Also Voted to choose a Committee of 5 to distribute Fish to Widows & poor persons not Poll Taxed. And chase for said Committee the Selectmen

Just to pay for

Also Voted that the net income of the Fish be appropriated to the payment of Poll Taxes
Voted to pay to the 13th Article

Voted that the Prudential School Committees be authorised to contract with School Teachers the present year.

Then proceeded to choose Surveyors of Highways to wit

Earl Alden	John W. Canedy	Ansel Wood	Alden C. Bisha
Joseph Perkins	Gideon Southworth	Levi Reed	Jacob Thompson
Gavin Shaw	David C. Vaughan	Geo. W. Wood	Chas. E. Eldy
Benjn. & Thomas	Levi Atwood	Harrison Black	Ansel Smith
Stephen Karlaug	Jabez Smith	Abraham Bryant	Elijah Shaw
Zebulon W. Pratt	Lothrop	Thomas Thomas	Doggett
George Shaw	Andrew Weston	Brian H. Smith	Cephias Shaw
And Corning	Ziba Eaton	Luther Murdock	Elijah Alden
Josephus Pick	Enos Parvis	Edward Miller	John Montgomery
Geo. S. H. car	Jacob Holmes	Erza M. Cully	Albert G. Pratt
Thomas Weston	Wm. C. Swift	Bahum M. Tabor	Samuel Greenman
Levi's Eaton	Lith. Humming	Isaac Sherman	John G. Vaughan
Elisha Tucker	Gideon Chaskin	Earl Sears	Tyler Pierce
Levi's Holmes	Otis Thomas	Isa. F. Winslow	Henry D. Bapett
Wm. C. Sampson			

Sluiceway Men

Silvanus Barrows, Silvanus Hinkley, Gam. Rounselle

Herring Inspectors

Cushman Vaughan, Nathan Perkins Jr, Edwin J. Leach
Zabedee Shaw, Silvanus Hinkley, Gam. Rounselle

Oisdale Leonard, John C. Perkins, Abner Leonard
Andrew M. Eaton, Harrison Vaughan, Adam J. Buckle
Voted to choose a Committee of five to Report at the adjournment of this Meeting the best method in relation to repairing the Highways the present year
Chase for S. Committee, George M. Wood, Tho. Doggett
Seth Eaton, Nath. Staples & Benjn. P. Wood.

Voted to add 2 to S. Committee Vir Stillman Benson & John Allen

Then Voted & chose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer Vir William Bourne Peter H. Pierce and Elisha Tucker. And to report the conclusion thereof.

Voted that the Treasurer have 50¢ for his services the past year

Voted to restrain neat cattle & Horses from running at large the present year.

Voted & chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper

Voted that Benjamin Thompson keep the Key of the Town House & have the care of the same

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorised to contract with some suitable person to have the care of the Alms House the present year

Voted to Adjourn

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting, March 5th 1843 By Adjournment

Saturday April 1st 1843. This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment

Dr. Arad Thompson Moderator

Then Voted & Excused Willard Clark from serving a Prudential School Committee in Dist No 26 & Chose Josephus Peckens in his stead

Then chose Fence Viewers & Field Drivers to wit

Simeon Thomas	Daniel Alden	George Hoar	Jabor Swift
Nathl Lewis	Parmenas G. Sampson	George Waterman	Stephen B. Kider
Amos Thompson Jr.	Eli Williams	Emoch Southworth	Samuel Cole
Charles Caswell	Darius Darling	David Alden Jr.	Jacob Thomas
Isaac A. Bushman	Nathl Sampson	Nathl Macomber	James Leonard
Israel Thrasher	James Cole Jr.	Lewis Harlow	Francis Wood
Joseph Clark Jr.	Wm C. Shaw	George Bennett	Cyrus P. Caswell
Caleb Alden	Judson Briggs	Daniel Gurney	Philander Briggs
Jacob Bennett	Asa T. Winslow	Daniel Lucas	Solomon Hannon
John A. Shaw	Nathl Caswell Jr.	Amos Washburn	Silvanus Thimble

Moved and voted to choose 5 for School Committee the present year. Voted by ballot and made choice of Chas Ward, Richard Sampson, George Sturtevant, Stillman Benson, & Thomas Coggett.

Voted to pass the 3^d Article.

Article 4th. In relation to which the report of the Committee on Roads was read by George W. Wood. Voted to accept said report which is on file.

Voted to raise \$200. to be expended in labour, for Roads and Bridges the present year.

Voted that three fourths of said amount be worked before the first of July next.

Voted, that the bills be committed by the 15th of May next.

Then George W. Wood offered a Motion which was by vote accepted and adopted, to wit:

Revised Statutes, Chapter 23, Section 19. Every surveyor who shall receive his tax bills shall exhibit the same

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Annual March Meeting, By Adjournment. Continued.

to the Selectmen on the first Monday of July, annually, and also at the expiration of the term for which he shall be appointed, and at those times respectively shall render an account of all moneys that have been expended by him on the highways and town ways, and if he shall in any such case be guilty of any neglect, he shall for each offence forfeit a sum not exceeding fifty Dollars to be recovered by the said Treasurer to the use of the Town.

Voted, That the selectmen shall not deliver to any surveyor his tax bills unless he has taken the oath of said office.

Voted, That if any surveyor shall refuse to take the oath of office after being duly notified the Treasurer shall prosecute such delinquent as the law directs.

Voted, That if any surveyor shall neglect for the space of 30 days to make return as the law directs and also of complying with the vote of the Town as above directed, the selectmen shall notify the Treasurer who shall prosecute such surveyor as the law directs.

Voted, That the Moderator of the March meeting be a Committee to put the foregoing in order and get published and distribute one copy to each surveyor of highways selectmen and Town Treasurer, by the first of May.

Voted that the Surveyors be constituted collectors of the Highway Taxes.

Voted that the Selectmen furnish the Surveyors of Highways with warrants for the same.

Voted to appropriate from the Treasury \$3125. for Schools the present year.

Voted to divide the same on the districts as last year but to divide but \$15. equally on each School District except on District No. 9 & No. 33. and the remainder to be distributed equally on the Polls.

Voted that the same Committee be continued on the 15th of May next that were chosen last year, viz. William Benson, Samuel Thompson, Nathl Macomber and Thompson & also the same

Instructions
Comm. on
Revenue
Money

Also, voted to accept of Frank Hainscill's written motion in relation to Instructions to the Committee &c. to wit:
In Town Meeting Apr. 1st 1843. — The Committee on the Surplus Revenue now be instructed to give notice to all that are indebted for Surplus Money to the Town, that in the month of Nov^r next, the payment of said Money may be required, and also the Stocks that are in the hands of the Committee be disposed of at the time of requirement of the Payment of the several Notes and that the whole amount of Surplus Money may be ready for an other disposition as the Town may direct, at a meeting of said Town to be called for that purpose, on or about the first of Oct^r next, & the Committee are to Loan the Interest that becomes due in May, to be loaned till November, Agreeable to Art. 17 voted to set off Mr. Consider Stottins from School District No. 23, and annex him to School District No. 14, with his Poll and Estate.

Dist^{ct}
No. 14

Then the Report of the Overseers of the Poor was read and by vote accepted and is on file.

Fishing

Voted to Instruct the Chairman of a Committee that Instituted a Suit against the Squabity Iron Company several years ago to make a Report at the next meeting.

Voted to reconsider the first vote in relation to the price of fish which says as last year & at the same price, and keep alive the next vote following which is that the fish be sold for 2¹/₂ per hundred & not to exceed that amount.

Voted that the Committee be directed to settle the Fish Accounts in 30 days, either by Note or Suit.

Voted to adjourn to the next meeting at 2 o'clock.
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Monday Oct 9th 1843 This Meeting was taken up pursuant to Adjournment

Deat. Am. Thompson Moderator being dead Voted by ballot and chose Gamaliel Amosville Moderator The Committee to settle with the Treasurer so far reported as to recommend an estimate for a Pay the current year which report in part is on file

Voted That the sum of Five Thousand and five Hundred dollars be raised for the current year and that the same be assessed and collected in the same time and manner as last year

Road for
next year
same line

Voted that Stillman Benson be a committee to petition the County Commissioners to locate the Road near Widow Jerusha Holmes from Warham line to Jamston line

Voted that Eliah Ward be a committee to appear before the County Commissioners in relation to the petition of Abraham Perkins and also in relation to laying out the Turnpike Road

Town
House
Repairs

Voted to assist to this Committee George W. Wood Sisdale Leonard and take the care of the Interests of the Town of Middleborough

Voted That Thomas Doyette be a Committee to take charge of Town house and see that it be kept in good repair

And

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to see what disposition the Town shall make of the Thorough and make a report at the next annual March Meeting

The Committee by Warrant Thunk by, John Leonard Sisdale Leonard, George W. Wood & Nathaniel Staples

Voted That Sisdale Leonard pay into the Town Treasury all the money in his hands before the middle of Nov^r next

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the next Town Meeting held at this place

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, holden at their Town House on Monday Oct 9th 1843 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting.
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid
You are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Middleborough who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the ninth day of October next at one O'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following to wit

- Art 1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
- " 2 To see if the Town will order the new piece of new Road lately located by the Court to be composed between the dwelling house of Mr Elijah Shum and that of Mr Josiah S. Cornish to be built and to act thereon as the Town may see cause
- " 3 To see if the Town will direct any new disposition of their Funds (denominated Surplus Revenue Fund) which is now invested in Public Stocks and loaned to individuals by a transfer of the same to the several School Districts in said Town for their entire use, or otherwise appropriate or apply the same in such other manner as the Town may think most just and proper - and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may think expedient

And you directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough in due season as the

Law requires

That fail not and make returns of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid
Given under our hands this Eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Bradford Hurlbut }
Stillman Benson } Selectmen
Zachary Pickens Jr } of the Town
Thomas Daggett } Middleborough
Saml. Rounseville }

Plymouth Co Sept 20th 1843

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants who are qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Joseph Clark Jr Constable
of Middleborough

- First Voted and chose Saml Rounseville Moderator of said Meeting
- Second Voted That the article in this warrant in relation to the Road near Josiah S. Cornish was referred to the selectmen of the Town for them to sell at public Auction to the lowest bidder
- Article 3 Voted that the Surplus Revenue remains in the hands of the Committee who have that subject under their care
- Voted That the interest be not appropriated to Schools this year
- Voted That this meeting be dissolved

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Annual Town Meeting, Monday November 13th 1843.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Thirteenth day of November A.D. 1843. pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy, viz.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County of Plymouth Greeting
In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid. You are hereby directed to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are duly qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Thirteenth day of November next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there,

To give in their votes to the Selectmen, for a Governor, and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth, and Two Senators for the County of Plymouth,

To choose one or more Representatives to represent the Town in the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday in January next.

The poll, for the choice of the above State, County & Town officers, will be opened at nine o'clock in the morning and all to be voted for, on one ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the several Meeting Houses, in said Middleborough in due time as the Law requires. Thereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen on or before the day & time aforesaid. Given under our hands, this Twentythird day of Oct. One Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty three.

Saml. Townsville }
Bradford Harlow } Selectmen
Stillman Benson }
Thomas Loggett } Middleborough

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Plymouth ss. Nov. 1st 1843.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed,
Jos. Black P. Constable.

The Town Clerk being absent, voted and made choice of Andrew M. Eaton, Town Clerk, Pro Tem. who was duly sworn according to law.

Moved and voted to choose two Representatives to represent this Town in the next General Court.

Then gave in their votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators, and Representatives, all on one Ticket, which being voted and counted, and declaration thereof being made, were as follows to wit, The whole number of ballots for Governor was 1006

Marcus Horton had 617 votes,
George A. Briggs had 382 votes,
Samuel C. Sewall had 7 votes.

The whole number of ballots for Lieutenant Governor was 1008.

Henry H. Childs had 819 votes,
John Reed had 333 votes,
William Jackson had 5 votes.

The whole number of ballots for Senators was

Edward P. Little had 620 votes,
Eliab Ward had 511 votes,
Morrill Allen had 382 votes,
Lesse Hardock had 383 votes,
Eliab Ward had 1 vote,
Elephat Kingman had 4 votes,
Josiah Hewit had 4 votes,
Seth Sprague had 1 vote,
Allen Shaw had 1 vote,
Sared Pratt had 1 vote.

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The whole number of ballots for Representatives was
 Horrell Robinson had — 616 votes.
 William Shurtliff had — 520 votes.
 William H. Wood had — 376 votes.
 Solomon White had — 376 votes.

Attest A. M. Eaton Clerk Protem

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 Town Meeting Nov. 27th 1843.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
 being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday
 the 27th day of November A.D. 1843 pursuant to a
 warrant duly issued and returned of which the
 following is a true copy, viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the
 Town of Middleborough, in said County of
 Plymouth. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid,
 you are directed to notify and warn all the
 Inhabitants of Middleborough who are qualified to
 act in Town affairs to meet at the Town House in
 said Middleborough on Monday the Twenty seventh
 day of November instant, at Two o'clock in the
 afternoon, then & there to act on the following
 business, to wit,

First, To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
 Second, To see if the Town will take any method
 different from the course adopted by the Overseers
 of the poor in relation to a suit against the Town
 of Plympton for the support & maintenance of a
 Pauper, and to act any thing in relation thereto
 that the Town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, in due
 season as the Law requires, by posting up attested copies
 of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said
 Middleborough Hereof fail not, & make return of the
 same to the Town Clerk on or before the time of
 meeting. Given under our hands this eighteenth day
 of Nov^r in the year one thousand eight hundred & forty three.

Sam^l Henshaw

Bradford Barlow

Hillman Benson

Eaton Pickens

Thos. Foggate

Selectmen

of

Middleborough

Plymouth p. Nov. 18. 1843.

By virtue of a warrant to me directed I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Jos. Black 2^d Constable.

Voted and chose Gamaliel Rounselle Moderator. In relation to the 2^d Article which is in relation to a pauper and a suit with the Town of Plymouth. The Town voted to choose an agent to prosecute the suit or compromise, as will be best.

Chose Wm H. Wood for said agent.

Voted that Col. Benjamin P. Wood be added with Wm H. Wood.

Voted to dissolve this meeting.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting of March 1843. By Adjournment.

Nov. 27. 1843. This meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment. No business coming before this meeting voted to adjourn to the next meeting in this place.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting February 26. 1844.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Twenty-sixth day of February 1844 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy. Viz.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth p.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County of Plymouth, Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid. You are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified by law

to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Middleborough, on Monday the Twenty-sixth day of February instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then & there to act on the following.

First. To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting. Second. To see if the Town will oppose by remonstrating against the Petition of Wm A. Crocker & others for an alteration of the Law regulating the Fishery in Taunton Great River, and also several other Petitions upon the same subject now pending in the General Court, and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may see cause. And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies of the same at the several public Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough, in due season as the law requires. Hereof fail not, & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the day & time of meeting.

Given under our hands this

Seventeenth day of February, 1844.

Gam. Rounselle	} Solidmen of Middleborough
Bradford Haslow	
William Benson	
L. Allen Pickens	
Thos. Foggell	

Voted and chose Gam. Rounselle Moderator.

Voted and chose Andrew H. Eaton Clerk Notem.

Voted to oppose any alteration in the present Law.

Voted to instruct our Representatives in the present General Court to oppose any alteration of said Law regulating said Fishery in Taunton Great River.

Voted to choose a Committee of two to appear before the fish Committee of the General Court with full power to call as many evidences as they may think proper.

Chose Eliab Ward and Josiah Leonard a committee

Attest A. H. Eaton Clerk Notem

MASSACHUSETTS VITAL RECORDS: MIDDLEBOROUGH #101
TOWN RECORDS 1844-1845, 9:414-449 Holbrook

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The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the fourth day of March 1844, pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy viz.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth p.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County, Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, You are hereby required to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified by Law to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Fourth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then & there to act on the following business, to wit:

- First. To choose a Moderator to govern s^d Meeting.
- Second. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- Third. To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.
- Fourth. To choose a board of Auditors (if the Town think best) to allow claims against the Town, and to order the payment thereof.
- Fifth. To raise such sums of Money, as the Town may determine necessary to defray all the Expeditures the present year, and to appropriate the same as the Town may think needful, to direct when to be assessed, how paid & collected, and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may see cause.
- Sixth. To allow demands against the Town and order the payment as they may see cause.
- Seventh. To choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer, and to report the condition of the Money affairs to the Town with an estimate of what sum will be necessary to be raised by Taxation, to meet all the appropriations the present year, and incidental charges.

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- Eighth. To see if the Town will vote the pay to their Collector & Treasurer for his services the last year, & to act thereon.
 - Ninth. To choose some person to have the care of the Town House, and also a pound keeper.
 - Tenth. To choose some one or a Committee to make a contract with some suitable person, to have the charge & superintendence of the affairs at the Alms House, for the next year ensuing, and to act thereon as the Town may think most proper.
 - Eleventh. To see if the Town will appropriate any of their Surplus Revenue Money, so called, or direct their committee to invest the same in Public Stocks or otherwise, and to act any thing thereon that the Town may deem proper.
 - Twelfth. To see if the Town will authorize their Prudential School Committee to contract with Teachers for their district and to act thereon.
 - Thirteenth. To see if the Town will sell a small lot of Wood Land situate near the the Dwelling of Mr. Scott Barden & act thereon.
 - Fourteenth. To dispose of the Town's privilege of taking Hearings at the several Fishing places in s^d Town the present year, as the Law provides by sale or otherwise, to distribute the fish or appropriate the income as the Town may determine & to act any thing thereon.
 - Fifteenth. To hear reports that may be made by any Committee, Agent, or Town officers relating to subjects in their charge and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.
 - Sixteenth. To see if the Town will take the Turnpike Road from the Baptist Meeting in Titicut to the Dwelling House of Amos & Luther Washburn and make it a public Town Highway and to act any thing that the Town think proper thereon.
 - Seventeenth. To see if the Town will cause their Town House to be new Shingled & act thereon.
- And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies of the same at the several Public

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Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough in due season as the Law requires.

Hence of said not, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the day & time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twelfth day of February in the Year one Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty-four.

Sam^t Hounseville
Bradford Harlow, Selectmen
Sallman Benson, of
Zattu Pickens, Middleborough
Thomas Doggett.

Plymouth Co. March 1st 1844.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Alden, Constable
of Middleborough.

Voted by ballot and made choice of Dr. George Starbuck Moderator.

The following persons were then elected by ballot to the offices designated, viz

Allen Shaw Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk being absent chose Andrew M. Eaton Clerk Pro tem. who was duly sworn, as the Law directs.

Those
Samuel Hounseville
Bradford Harlow
Sallman Benson
Zattu Pickens
Thomas Doggett } Selectmen

Allen Shaw Treasurer,
Allen Shaw Collector,

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Constables.

Joseph Clark P. John C. Perkins, Milton Alden,
George W. Wood, Dura Weston p. Lathrop Thomas,
Asa T. Winslow.

Overscers of the Poor

Benjamin P. Wood, Joseph Clark P., Silvanus Barrows

Auditors

William Douane, Seth Eaton, Ebenezer Skobridge,
Ansel Benson, Silvanus Barrows, Daniel Briggs, Asa Benson

Surveyors of Lumber

Milton Alden, Jos Peice, Samuel Rider,
Lewis Eaton, Daniel Briggs, Carl Alden, Dura Weston
Consider Fuller, Williams Eaton, John M. Hauer, James Hauer

Prudential Committee for School Districts

1. John Smith	11. Solomon L. Harlow	21. David Robinson	31. Caleb Pickett
2. Southworth Ellis	12. Samuel Rider	22. Jacob Holmes	32. Samuel Smith
3. Jacob Bennett P.	13. William B. Barrows	23. Zebadiah Leonard	33. Clothier Allen
4. Cornelius D. Wood	14. Elijah Thickett	24. James Schell	34. Roland Hutton
5. Caleb Alden	15. John C. Barden	25. Jos P. Nelson	35. Calvin Thompson
6. Ira Shaw	16. Thomas Lovell	26. Zattu Pickens	36. Charleston H. Bell
7. Ammanuel Spindler	17. Ashah I. Clark	27. Zetulon Shaw	37. Alden Raymond p.
8. Ephraim Thomas	18. Wm H. Wood	28. Abel P. Booth	38. Warren Lucas
9. Ben Atwood	19. Joseph Bump	29. Silas Ashley	40. Lewis Barrows
10. Chanderick Smith	20. Hosea Kingman	30. James Parris	

Moved and voted to pass to the fourteenth article.

Voted to allow Zisdale Leonard fifteen dollars for money paid to John C. Perkins.

Voted to accept and adopt the Report of Silvanus Knickley, Zebadiah Leonard & Zisdale Leonard concerning the fish for the present year, which is as follows.

The Committee chosen to consider and report the best method of taking and disposing of the fish 1844, have attended that service.

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and offer the following. In the unanimous opinion of your committee the fish should be so managed as would make the nett income as equal as possible in the different sections of the Town. And to accomplish this object your committee are aware there would be various opinions among the inhabitants as well as difference of opinion in your committee. The price the fish are sold for has an important bearing on this point as well as is allowed to each individual, and your committee recommend that the fish be sold for fifty cents per 100 to Towns people, not more than two hundred to any one individual when there are other Towns people to take them, and sell to out Towns people for what they are worth, when Towns people do not want them.

Your committee would further recommend that the Selectmen be a committee to distribute Herring to the poor people of this town not more than 250 to any one family.

Your committee further recommend to divide the nett income of the Herring equally on the Taxpaying inhabitants of this town. Also that the Poor House have the same privilege as heretofore.

Your committee unanimously recommend that the Town take their fish by agent or agents, not to sell the Hares at auction. Your committee further recommend that Silvanus Bannos be the agent of the Town, to take charge of catching and disposing of said Fish, 1844.

Silvanus Bannosley,
Zedee Leonard,
Tisdale Leonard.

Then Proceeded to Choose Surveyors of Highways, to wit:

Seabod L. Wood	Enoch Weston	Jessie Winslow	Erca Soule
Samuel Bidau?	Zedee Leonard	Asel Benson	Eliab Wood Jr.
Samuel Kidee	Enos Paris	John W. Canedy	Benjamin Leonard
Bartlett Thomas	Paddock Tinkham	George Ward	James G. Bushman
Stephen Hartou Jr.	Jabez Swift	John Shaw	Horatio W. Wilbur
Zephaniah Shaw	Charles T. Paris	Benjamin Shaw	Sumner Hinds

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Surveyors of Highways, continue.

Galen Warren	Joseph L. Barden	Nathan Sherman	Levinus Darling
Isaac Sherman	Deauch Hartou	Henry D. Bassett	Josephus Pickens
Titus B. Ashley	Ben Atwood	Maen & Bistee	Silvanus Bannos Jr.
Abiel P. Booth	Solomon White	Bradford Hartou	Joseph H. Biske
Meah Leonard	Ebenezer Strickland	Head Bryant	Abraham Perkins
Benjamin Jeffers	Jonathan Leonard	Linus Benson	Elisha Tucker
Calder Haen	George Cox	Elijah Shaw	Abner C. Darnow
Jacob Bennett	Adoniram Bushman	George Shaw	John Sampson

Then voted to pass to the 13th Article.

Under said Article voted to authorize the Overseers of the Poor to sell the Land and give a Seed of the same.

Moved and voted to adjourn to the first Monday in April next at one o'clock P.M.

Attest At. M. Eaton Clerk of Town

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Town Meeting April 1st 1844.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the First day of April 1844, pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned, of which the following is a true copy, viz
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Plymouth p. is either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough, in said County. Greeting.

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to Notify & Warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough, on Monday, the first day of April next at one O'clock in the afternoon then and there, to give in their votes to the Selectmen, on one ballot for three County Commissioners, and also for two Special Commissioners to be designated as such, being all inhabitants of different Towns, in our said County of Plymouth.

Also to choose a moderator to govern another meeting at the same time.

First. To see if the Town will unite the following Persons, Cephas Shaw, Ervin Atwood, Otis Thomas & Asaph Hamer with all their Polls & Estates together with all others now belonging with them in their School District, to the School District contiguous to them in the Town of Farrow, and to act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Second. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the Petition of Abel Peice & others inhabitants of School Districts No. 17 & 40. It being their request that said Districts may be united together and act any thing thereon, the Town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, in due season as the Law requires, by posting up at the several Meeting Houses in Middleborough attested Copies of the same. These of fail not, and make return

of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

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Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of March in the year one thousand Eight Hundred & Forty Four.

Gam^l Hounsaville Selectmen
Latan Pickens of
Braapd Harbor Middleborough

Plymouth p. March 25. 1844.

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by Posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Alden, Constable
of Middleborough

The Town Clerk being absent, voted and made choice of Andrew M. Eaton, Clerk Protem.

Then proceeded to vote for County Commissioners which being counted and declaration thereof being made, was as follows, viz

Whole number of ballots.	249
Horace Gollamore of Pembroke	had 156 votes
John B. Turner of Scituate	" 244 "
Thomas Savory of Harcham	" 243 "
Joshua Smith of Hanson	" 93

Whole number of ballots for Special Commissioners	249
Jonathan Parker of Plympton	had 243 votes.
Abiam Washburn of Bridgewater	" 156 "
Edward Southworth of Bridgewater	" 93 "

Then voted and made choice of Dr. George Sartwell Moderator.

Voted to grant the request of Cephas Shaw and others.

Voted to pass over said Article

Moved & voted to reconsider the vote wherein they voted to pass over the 1st Article

Moved & voted to dissolve this meeting. Attest A. M. Eaton Clerk Protem

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Annual March Meeting March 4th 1844 By Adjournment

Monday April 1st 1844. This Meeting was taken up pursuant to adjournment.

Dr. George Huntington. Moderator.

Then voted and chose Stuiceway Men,
Saml Hounseville, Luther Hurdock, Tisdale Leonard.

Surveying Inspectors

Calvin Southworth, Cushman Vaughan, Olisha Tucker,
Nathan Perkins, Daniel Atwood, Dexter Phillips
Saml Hounseville, Elijah Burgess, James G. Cushman,
Admiral J. Cushman, Abner Leonard, Milton Alden
Edwin J. Leach, Silvanus Barrows, John G. Perkins.

Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

William Bourne, Ebenezer Strobridge, Peter H. Pierce

Chose Benjamin Thompson Pound Keeper.

Voted, that Benjamin Thompson keep the Key of the
Town House, and have the care of the same.

Moved and voted to chose two Sealers of Weights & Measures

Chose Seth Southworth and Roland Pierce.

Voted that the Overseers of the Poor be authorized to
contract with some suitable Person to have the care of
the Almshouse this present year.

Voted and excused Edwin Barrows from serving as Prudential
School Committee in District No. 40 and chose
Jeremiah H. Reed in his stead.

Fence Viewers & Field Drivers

Freeman M. Lathin	Daniel Alden	Elkanah Williams	William Harrison Freeman
Nathaniel Lewis	Parmenter Sampson	George Waterman	Stephen C. Reed
Seth Dean	Eli Williams	Franklin Waskins	Samuel Cole
Simson M. Pratt	Darius Darling	Lavinia Alden	Jacob Thomas
James G. Cushman	Job Thresher	Nathaniel Macomber	James Leonard
Israel Thresher	Thomas Lovell	Lewis Harlow	Joseph Macomber
Joseph Clark?	Carl Alden	George Bennett	Egbert P. Caswell
Calcut Alden	Quason Briggs	Stephen Burgess	William Davis
Henry Swift	Asa T. Winslow	David Huntington	Solomon Raymond
John A. Shaw	Silas P. Ashley	Amos Washburn	Silvanus Leitch

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Annual March Meeting 1844 By Adjournment Continued

Voted to excuse Nelson Wood from serving as Surveyor of
Highways and chose Elijah Shaw in his stead.

Voted to excuse Hosea Kingman from serving as Surveyor of
Highways and chose Abraham Perkins in his stead.

Voted to excuse Gideon Washkins from serving as Surveyor of
Highways and chose Jera Winslow in his stead.

Voted that the Prudential School Committee be authorized
to contract with School Teachers the present year.

School Committee.

Chose Eliab Ward, Bradford Harlow, Thomas Duggitt,
Hittman Benson, George H. Wood. By ballot.

The Overseers of the Poor made their Annual Report
which was read and by vote accepted.

Voted and chose the Selectmen a Committee to survey
the Road from Warcham Line to Taunton Line, and to
appear before the Commissioners when they come to view
said Road.

Voted to raise \$2,500. to be expended in labor for Roads and
Bridges the present year.

Voted that the Bills be committed by the 15th of May.

Voted to appropriate from the Treasury \$3,025 for schools the
present year.

Voted to add the last years interest of the Surplus Revenue
to the amount appropriated for schools.

Voted to divide the money on the Districts as last year - to wit
to distribute \$15. equally on each School District except on
Districts No. 9 & No. 33. and the remainder to be distributed
equally on the Polls.

Voted that the County Commissioners be requested to lay
out the Turnpike Road from the corner near the Baptist
Meeting House in Tipton to the corner near the dwelling house
of Amos & Luther Washburn as a public Highway.

Voted to chose a Committee of three to carry the same into effect.
Chose Eliab Ward, Tisdale Leonard & George H. Wood. said Committee.

Voted to chose a Committee of three to attend to the repairing
of the Town House.

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Chose William Bourne, Thomas Duggitt & Branch Haslow, & Com.
Then voted for County Treasurer.

Whole number of votes 22
William R. Sever had 22 votes,
voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting

Attest A. M. Eaton Clerk Pro Tem
Allen Shaw Town Clerk

1844 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment Oct 14
George Sturtevant Moderator

The Committee to settle with the Treasr made a Report
which was by vote Accepted & is on file

5506. Voted to Raise the Sum of Five Thousand five
Hundred Dollars for the current expenses the next
year & that the same be assest & collected the
same time & in the same manner as the last year
Adjourn to Next Meeting A. M. Eaton Clerk Pro Tem
Recorded By A. Shaw Town Clerk

1844 Dec 23 Annual March Meeting by adjournment
Geo. Sturtevant Moderator & Absent
Nothing coming before S. Meeting Voted to
Adjourn to the Next Meeting at this place
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

1845 Feb 10 Annual March Meeting by Adjournment
Geo. Sturtevant Moderator & Absent
Nothing coming before S. meeting Voted to adjourn
to the next meeting to be holden at this place
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting October 14th 1844

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the
fourteenth day of October 1844 pursuant to a warrant
duly issued and returned of which the following
is a true copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth ss To either of the Constables of the Town
of Middleborough in said County of Plymouth
Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth
aforesaid you are required to notify and warn all
the Inhabitants of the said Town of Middleborough
who are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at
the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the
fourteenth day of October next at One O'clock in the
afternoon there and there to act on the following.

First To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.
Second To see if the Town will allow and pay Ernoch Weston
Sixty six Dollars and fifty cents for damage, by
means of the highway being left by the Surveyor in
a dangerous and unsafe condition, and to act any
thing thereon the Town may think proper.

Third To see if the Town will act any thing in relation to the
Turnpike Road as petitioned for by Williams, Eaton, and
others to be made by the County Commissioners
a public Town Highway with an order of notice thereon
to the Town by the said Commissioners and to act any
thing that the Town may think proper on the subject.

Fourth To see if the Town will appropriate or invest the amount
of Funds they have (called surplus revenue funds) in the proposed
Rail Road through this Town provided it is so located as
to favour the public convenience and be a safe stock
for the Town and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by
posting up attested copies of the same at the
several Public Meeting Houses in the said Town of
Middleborough in due season as the Law requires.

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And hereof fail not and make return of this
warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk
at the time and place of Meeting as aforesaid
Given under our hands this Twenty third day
of Septe 1844

Bradford Harlow? Selectmen
Stithman Benson of the Town
Luther Pickens of Middleborough
Thos. Duggett
Gerrit Rounselle

Plymouth 10 October 1844
By virtue of this Warrant I have
notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough
by posting up notices at the several Meeting
Houses in said Town as within directed

Mattson Alden Constable
of Middleborough

Article 1st Voted and chose Gamaliel Rounselle Moderator
The Town Clerk being absent chose Andrew M. Eaton
Clerk Return

Article 2^d Referred to a committee of three chose Thomas Duggett
Eliaser Richmond, David Leonard, & Committee

Article 3^d Voted to chose a committee of three to meet with the
County Commissioners when they come to view the
Turnpike Road from the corner near the dwelling
House of Jeremiah Keith to the corner near Messrs
Ames and Luther Washburns chose Eliab Ward
David Leonard and George W. Wood & Committee
Moved and voted to instruct the Committee not to
oppose the laying out of said Road provided under all
the circumstances it shall appear to the Committee best
that said Road should be laid out

Article 4th Voted to chose a Committee of fifteen to investigate
the subject and report at some future Meeting
chose for said Committee Bradford Harlow

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Town Meeting October 14, 1844 Continued
Thomas Washburn, Earl Sprague, Stithman Benson
Seth Miller, Lotthrop Thomas, Silas Pickens, Jr.
Luther Pickens, Silas Pierce, Thomas Duggett
Nathaniel Staples, Nathaniel Macomber, Peter H. Pierce
Gamaliel Rounselle, Elisha Richmond

Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at
Three O'clock P.M. Attest A. M. Eaton C. Return

Dec 23 Town Meeting of Oct 14 by Adjournment
of Rounselle Moderator
Nothing coming before & Meeting Voted to adjourn
to the next Meeting in this place

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

Feb 10th The foregoing Meeting was taken up from Rounselle
Moderator Nothing coming before the meeting Voted to
adjourn to the next meeting to be holden at this place

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

March 10th The foregoing Meeting was taken up from
Rounselle Moderator Nothing coming before the
meeting Voted to adjourn to the next meeting to be
holden at this place at One O'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

April 7th The foregoing Meeting was taken up pursuant
to Adjournment from Rounselle Moderator
Nothing coming before & Meeting Voted to adjourn
to the next Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

April 28th The foregoing Meeting of Oct 14 1844 was taken up pursuant
to adjournment from Rounselle Moderator

In relation to Enoch Westons claim &c Thos Duggett made a verbal
report. Then Voted to allow Enoch Westons Bill which is \$85.25

Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at 2 O'clock P.M.

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Town Meeting November 11th 1844

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough, being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Eleventh day of November 1844 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County of Plymouth - Greeting

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts aforesaid You are hereby required to Notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are qualified by law to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Eleventh day of November next at Ten O'clock in the forenoon but the second Monday in said month. Then and there to give in their votes to the selectmen for a Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth and two Senators for the County of Plymouth.

To give in their votes for Twelve Electors of President and Vice President of the United States to wit: Two Electors at large and one Elector for each of the Congressional Districts into which the State is divided.

To give in their votes for a Representative in the Twenty-ninth Congress of the United States for ninth Congressional District. Also to choose one or more Representatives to represent them for the General Court to be holden at Boston on the first Wednesday of January next. The poll for the choice of the officers aforesaid will be opened at Ten O'clock in the morning and all to be voted for on one ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in the Town of Middleborough in a season as the law requires.

Woe of fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen on or

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before the day and time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this Fourteenth day of October in the One Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty Four

Bradford Harlow
Stillman Benson
Zettin Pickens
Thos. Joggitt
Gamb. Rounseville
Selectmen of the Town of Middleborough

Plymouth ss Middleborough Oct 31, 1844

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Town affairs by posting up Notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed

Joseph Clark 2^d Constable

Voted to send 2 Representatives to the General Court the present year.

The said inhabitants gave in their votes for Governor Lieutenant Governor Senators Representative to Congress Electors of President & Vice President Representative to the General Court viz The whole number of Ballots were Ten Hundred Sixty Three

for Gov. Barnard had	632	} for Governor
Geo. Briggs ..	418	
The whole number of Ballots for Lt. Gov. was 1064		
H. H. Shields had	633	}
John Reed ..	418	
Wm. Jackson ..	13	

The whole number of Ballots for Senators were 1072

Edward P. Little had	633	}
Eliab Ward ..	625	
Monroe Allen ..	416	
Jepe Murdock ..	415	
Joseph Hewett ..	13	
Benjamin Frost ..	13	

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Presidents and Vice Presidents

Whole number of Ballots were 1045

Electors at large Gayton Pigood had 619	at large Abbot Lawrence had 619
Samuel C Allen .. 619	Lewis Strong .. 619
Dist No 1 Charles A. Greene .. 619	Dist No 1 Nathan Appleton .. 619
" 2 Eben W. Strong .. 619	" 2 Job Perry Allen .. 619
" 3 Hiram Plummer .. 619	" 3 Horner Wardette .. 619
" 4 Charles Thompson .. 619	" 4 Abraham B. Thompson .. 619
" 5 J. S. C. Kimball .. 619	" 5 Charles Allen .. 619
" 6 W. G. Newcomb .. 619	" 6 Wm B. Calhoun .. 619
" 7 Orrin Sage .. 619	" 7 Chauncy B. Rising .. 619
" 8 Artemus Brown .. 619	" 8 Elijah Vose .. 619
" 9 Peter H. Peire .. 619	" 9 William Bagges .. 619
" 10 John W. Shaw .. 619	" 10 Seth Crowell .. 619

Liberty Ticket for President and Vice President

Electors at large Joel Hayden had 14
" John G. Whittier .. 14
Dist No 1 Timothy Gilbert .. 14
" 2 Nathan D. Chase .. 14
" 3 Willard Brown .. 14
" 4 John Fletcher .. 14
" 5 Phineas Grandall .. 14
" 6 John Dickenson jr .. 14
" 7 Edward Laselle .. 14
" 8 Jesse Wheaton .. 14
" 9 Laban M. Wheaton .. 14
" 10 Gilbert Richmond .. 14

Representatives to Congress the whole number of Ballots were 1061

Henry Williams had 632
Artemus Hale .. 416
Caleb Swan .. 13

Rep to Congress

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Representatives to General Court

Josiah Tinkham had 623
Asa J. Winslow .. 631
Nathaniel Staples .. 414
William H. Wood .. 415
Amasa Lamb .. 13
Seth W. Glass .. 13

Meeting was then dissolved

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough have duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Twentythird of December 1844 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy Viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough Greeting Pursuant to a process from the Governor of the Commonwealth aforesaid to us directed you are hereby required to Notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to Vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in Middleborough on Monday the Twentythird day of December instant at One O'Clock in the afternoon for the purpose of giving in their Votes for a Representative that is our Inhabitant of Congressional District Number Nine of this Commonwealth to represent said District in the Twentieth Congress of the United States and the balloting to commence at the time aforesaid. And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested Copies of the same at the several Meeting Houses in said Middleborough in due season as the Law requires.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the selectmen at the time & place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Ninth day of December in the year One Thousand Eight hundred & Forty Four

Bradford Harlow
Stettin Benson
Lester Pickens
Thomas Voggito
Garret Hounseville

Selectmen of the
Town of
Middleborough

The following persons recd as many Votes at the meeting on the 11th of November last as is set against their names

Henry Williams 6021
Artemus Hale 5335
Caleb Swan 1016

Plymouth Co December 18 1844

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Alden Constable
of the Town of Middleborough

Then proceeded to vote by Ballot & the
Whole number of Ballots were 417

Henry Williams had 484
Artemus Hale " 337
Caleb Swan " 12
Eliab Ward " 1
Ebenezer P Hathaway " 1
William M Jackson " 2

The Meeting was then dissolved

Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Meeting for Member of Congress Feb 10th 1845

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the Tenth day of February 1845 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true Copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County of Plymouth Greeting In pursuance of a Receipt issued by his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required and directed to notify & warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Town House in sd Middleborough on Monday the Tenth day of February next at Eleven O'clock in the forenoon for the following purpose.

To give in their Votes for some person that is an inhabitant of Congressional District Number Sixteen to represent said District in the Twenty ninth Congress of the United States The Voting to begin at the Hour the meeting is called and the poll to be closed at Three O'clock in the afternoon And also to choose a Moderator to govern another Meeting (on said day) to act on the following To see if the Town will oppose the Petition for an alteration of the Herring Law by the Squaw Betty (Verm Owners (and) now pending in the General Court and to act any thing thereon as they see cause.

Third To see what the Town will do in relation to an order of Notice served on this Town on the Petition of Andrew Robeson & others for a Rail Road through Middleborough & and to act thereon as they may see cause And you are directed to serve this warrant in due season by posting up at the several Meeting Houses in sd Middleborough attested copies of the same hereof fail not & make due return of the same

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with your doings thereon to the Selectmen at the time & place aforesaid Given under our hands this Twenty seventh day of January 1845

Bradford Harlow	} Selectmen of the Town of Middleborough
William Benson	
Leather Pickens	
Thomas (Daggett)	
Garnet Rounseville	

Plymouth ss February 8 1845

By virtue of this warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said town as within directed

Milton Alden Constable
of the town of Middleborough

Then proceeded to vote by Ballot for Representative to Congress and the whole number of Ballots was 904

Henry Williams	had 538	Votes
Artemas Hale	360	"
Caleb Swan	6	"

Then chose Gamaliel Rounseville Moderator
Voted to choose an Agent to oppose the Petition for an alteration in the Herring Law at the Squaw Betty Works chose Disdale Leonard for said Agent and that said Agent be instructed to procure every and all means necessary in his opinion to prevent the Repeal of the Herring Law of 1843 or any part of it
Voted unanimously to oppose the petition of Andrew Robeson and others for a Rail Road unless the same pass war the four corners and passed Resolves to that effect to be presented by Asa & Winslow and Josiah Dickinson

Voted to dissolve this meeting
Attest A. Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting Monday March

The Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough being duly assembled in Town Meeting on Monday the tenth day of March 1845 pursuant to a warrant duly issued and returned of which the following is a true copy viz

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Plymouth ss To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting. In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to Notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified by Law to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the Tenth day of March next at Ten O'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following business

- First To choose a moderator to govern the Meeting
- Second To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing as is required by Law
- Third To choose a board of Auditors (if the Town see cause) to allow claims against the Town and to order the payment thereof
- Fourth To raise such sums of Money as the Town may determine necessary to defray all of the expenditures the present year and to appropriate the same as the Town may think needfull to direct when to be assessed how paid and collected and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may see cause.
- Fifth To allow demands against the Town and order the payment as they may see cause.
- Sixth To choose a committee to settle with the Treasurer and to report to the Town with an estimate of what sum will be necessary to be raised by Taxation to meet all appropriations the present year & incidental charges

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- To see if the Town will vote the pay to their collector & Treasurer for his services the last year and to act thereon.
- To choose some person to have the care of the Town House and also a Pound Keeper and act thereon.
- To see if the Town will choose some one or a committee to make a contract with some fit person to have the charge and superintendence of the affairs at the Almshouse for the next year ensuing and to act thereon as the Town will see cause.
- To see if the Town will authorize their prudential School Committees to contract with teachers for three districts and to act thereon.
- To dispose of the Towns privilege of taking Herrings at the several Fishing places in the Town the present year as the Law provides and to act any thing in relation thereto that the Town may see cause.
- To hear reports that may be made by any Agent Committee or Town officers relating to subjects in their charge and to act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- To see if the Town will establish the alteration of a Highway passing the dwelling House of Timothy M Leonard and others and located wholly on the land of said Timothy M Leonard and discontinue the old as by the laying out of the selectmens returns and to act thereon as the Town may see cause.
- To determine the method the Town will take to repair the Turnpike from Foreman's Keiths to Amos & Luther Washburns the same having been by the County Commissioners decreed to be a public Highway and to act thereon as the Town may think proper.
- By request To see if the Town will restore School Districts No 20 & 23 to their former limits or act any thing thereon they may think proper.

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By request to see if the Town will constitute itself into an insurance Co so as to insure against the loss by fire of two thirds the true value of all the Buildings in the Town that may be destroyed by fire and act thereon.
And you are directed to serve this warrant in due season as the law requires by posting up at the Public Meeting House in said Town of Middleborough attested copies of the same. Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk on or before the time and day of Meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this Twentyfourth of February in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty five.

Garr. Rounsvill
Bradford Warlow
Stillman Benson
Latha Pickens
Thomas Doggett

Selectmen of
the Town of
Middleborough

Plymouth ss March 7th 1845

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Alden Constable
of the Town of Middleborough

Then Voted by Ballot & made choice of
Eliab Ward Esq Moderator to govern & Meetings.
The following persons were then elected by Ballot to the several
Officers designated viz Allen Shaw Town Clerk.

Stillman Benson
Thomas Doggett
Richard Sampson
Venus Thompson
Gera Winslow

Selectmen

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Constables

Joseph Black. Milton Alden. John b. Perkins
Leethrop Thomas. Asa S. Winslow Cyrus S. Caswell.
Queman J. Meglath. Ten Levi Morse.

Allen Shaw Treasurer.
Allen Shaw Collector of Taxes.

Auditors

William Bourne. Elijah Alden. Latha Pickens.
Ansel Benson Silvanus Barrows
Isidale Leonard & Asa Benson.

Surveyors of Lumber

Milton Alden Capt Job Peice Samuel Rider
Lewis Eaton Daniel Briggs David L. Curtis
Dana Weston Consider Fuller, Williams Eaton.
John M. Warren Adonirana J.ushman

Prudential Committee of School Districts

1 Benjamin Greenman	11 Solomon L. Thayer	21 Everett Robinson	31 Nath. Sampson
2 Wm. L. Swift	12 Lorenzo Smith	22 Charles Richmond	32 Lewis D. Ames
3 Benj. B. Wood	13 Rufus B. Thomas	23 Emoch Weston	33 Hudson Haskins
4 Galen Warren	14 Philander Thayer	24 Dennis Shaw	34 Horatio L. Caswell
5 Darius Darling	15 Lewis Warlow	25 Elisha W. Williams	35 Tho. Woodburn
6 Philander Thompson	16 Alden C. Bishop	26 Edward Gushue	36 Jeph. Holmes
7 Senece Thomas	17 Edmund S. Barrows	27 Joshua W. Goff	37 John Kymman
8 Sullivan B. Atwood	18 Wm. S. Peice	28 Wm. Gamedy	39 Arthur Kymman
9 Asaph Alward	19 Charles White	29 Zebedee Perry	40 Otis Perry
10 Ansel Smith	20 Amos D. Black	30 George L. Hoard	

Voted to pass over the 4th & 5th Articles.
Far Committee to settle with Treasurer & Report the
state of the Treasury Chose for a Committee
William Bourne Gera Winslow & Peter H. Peice

Annual March Meeting Monday
Genl Viewers & Field Drivers

Benjn B Thomas	Wm Alden	Elkanah Williams	Harrison Freeman
Nathl Lewis	Reuel W Eaton	Wm A King	Stephen B Rider
Edith Deane	Eli Williams	Joshua Washings	Saml Cole
Jacob P Barrows	Darius Darling	Saml White	Jacob Thomas
Andrew Warren	Job Thresher	Isaac Benson	Isidale Leonard
Gilbert Booth	Thomas Lowell	Lewis Sturlew	Wm P Wood
Joseph Black	Earl Alden	Thos A Buzget	Joseph H Buz
Calch Alden	Abraham Pierce	Leoad Sturtevant	Dexter Phillips
Wm Gidley	Samuel Washins	Ephraim Robbins	Solomon Rogers
John A Shaw	Wm H Caswell	Phelander Robbins	Earl Sprout

- Art 7 Voted to allow the Treasurer & Collector the sum of 50¢ for his services for the last year.
- Art 8 Voted that Benjamin Thompson keep the Key of the Town House & have the charge of the same and also that he shall be Pound Keeper.
- Art 9 Voted to choose a Committee of 3, Chose for s Committee Benjamin P Wood Liba Eaton and Nathaniel Staples.
- Art 10 Voted to authorise there Residential School Committees to contract with Teachers for their Districts.
- Art 11 Voted to dispose of the fish by choosing an Agent to catch and sell the same and in the same manner as they were caught and sold last year. viz. The fish are to be sold for fifty cents per hundred to Towns people and not more than two hundred to any one individual when there are other Towns people to take them, and sell to out Towns people for what they are worth when Towns people do not want them, the Selectmen are authorised to distribute Herrings to the poor people of this town not more than two hundred to any one family. Chose for s Agent to affect the above Albert Thomas

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Under the 4th Article in Relation to repairing Highways & Bridges Voted that a committee be raised consisting of 5 to investigate the best method of Repairing the Highways & Bridges in the town the present year and report at the next town Meeting Chose for s Committee George W Wood Reuben Hafford Isidale Leonard Gamt Rounseville and Stillman Benson

Art 12 Capt Silvanus Barrows made a Report in relation to the Herrings for the year 1844 which was by vote accepted and is on file. Also in relation to John B Perkins Bill of expenses at Court in relation to fish. Voted that if he and Capt Silvanus Barrows cannot agree to leave the same to men.

Art 13 In relation to Road near Timothy M Leonard the Selectmen made a Report which was by vote accepted and is on file.

Art 14 In regard to repairing the Turnpike Voted to refer the same to a Committee of 3 Chose for s Committee Isidale Leonard Williams Eaton and James Leonard

Art 15 Voted not to restore s Districts 20 & 23 to their former limits.

Voted to refer s 15th Article to a Committee consisting of the Selectmen of the Town of Westport.

Voted that Daniel Alden be a Committee to inform the Selectmen of Westport.

Also Voted to add Peter H Pierce Esq to s Committee

Art 16 Voted to pass over

Voted to Adjourn to the first Monday in April next at 1 O'clock P.M.

Attest A Shaw Town Clerk

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Annual March Meeting 1845 by Adjournment

Monday April 7th 1845 This Meeting was taken up for to adjournment - Eliab Ward Esq Moderator.

Titicut
School

The Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Westport in relation to School Districts was read, which is as follows:

The Subscribers having been appointed by the of Middleborough a Committee of Reference in regard to certain difficulties supposed to exist in relation to the of School Districts Number Twenty - Twenty one and Twenty two, in said town, - after meeting and hearing the parties we viewed the premises, and very well knowing that upon almost every subject there is a wide difference of opinion - yet we believe the subject of Public School ought to be neutral ground where all should be actuated by the desire of benefitting the rising generation by placing within their reach the means of obtaining a good education and to attain this desirable condition every one must be willing to sacrifice some personal conveniences for the public good. Every man cannot live by the door of the School House neither is it possible to have absolute equality in the enjoyment of all the privileges of a Public School, therefore School Districts should be so formed and School Houses so located as to give the greatest equality. And in our humble opinion there can be but one alteration made in the lines of the Three Districts for the better and that is between Districts No 20 and 21 we would recommend an alteration in that line so as to include in No 21 all on the Westerly side of the road from where the present line crosses the road to Titicut Bridge.

Westport March }
31. 1845 }

Frederick Brownell
Obadiah Lawton
Freeman Lawrence

Then Voted to accept of the foregoing Report

Voted to adopt the same. And the same is on file

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The Committee chosen for the purpose of reporting in relation to the repairs of Highways &c, made a Report which was read and by Vote accepted.

Voted not to adopt said report

The Overseers of the Poor made their annual Report, which was by Vote accepted and is on file

Voted & chose for Overseers of the Poor

Benjin P. Wood Silvanus Burrows & Joseph Clark &

Surveyors of Highways

Sapt Jacob Thomas	Wm Canedy	Jeremiah Wood	Bradford Barlow
Daniel Curtis	Enoch Southworth	Wm S. Eddy	Wm S. Eddy
Saml P. Keith	John Shaw	Woodard Tucker	Linus Benson
Freeman Abington	Stephen A. Shaw	Jacob Bennett	Orasmus Littlejohn
Stephen Warlow	Elis. Soule	Abishai Wood	Philander Robbins
Zebulon W. Pratt	Eliab Woodger	Joseph Clark &	Darius Darling
Wm Drake jr	Jonathan Cobb	Daniel Alden	Lettie Pickens
Zebedee Leonard	Calvin Mendock	Edw. Stedridge	Silvanus Parison
Enas Parison	Silvanus Warren	Edw. W. Lushman	Adoniram Lushman
Leonard Washburn	Sumner Hinde	Conrad Fuller	Amos D. Clark
John Swift	Wahum M. Tebban	Adoniram Lushman	Sidney Tucker
Charles D. Viner	Isaac Shuman	Elisha Clark	Levi P. Paty
John L. Washburn	Josiah Baker	Henry D. Baggett	Benjin P. Pratt
Amel Benson	Reuben Hoppford	Alden C. Bishop	Thos. Howard jr

Voted to choose a Committee to investigate the subject of repairing the Highways &c and to make a Report at the next annual March Meeting

Chose for a Committee Earl Sprout George M. Wood

Samuel Plausonville Jared Pratt & Jonathan Cobb

Voted that Surveyors of Highways be required to take their oath

Voted that the Treasurer be directed to prosecute all

delinquent Surveyors of Highways that do not take their oath

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways have warrants of distress for collecting their Highway Taxes

Voted that the Surveyors of Highways be constituted

Collectors of the Highway Taxes

Voted that the Rating of 1843 in relation to Highway Taxes be

adopted the present year. Which is as follows, to wit.
Voted that the Bill be cammenced by the 15th of May
Revised Statutes Chapter 85th Section 19th Every Surveyor
who shall receive his tax bill, shall exhibit the
same to the selectmen on the first Monday of July
annually and also at the expiration of the term
which he shall be appointed; and at those times,
respectively shall render an account of all money
that have been expended by him on the highways
and town ways; and if he shall in any such case
be guilty of any neglect he shall for each offence pay
a sum not exceeding fifty dollars to be recovered by
said Treasurer to the use of the town
Voted That the selectmen shall not deliver to any
surveyor his tax bills unless he has taken the oath
of said office.

Voted That if any surveyor shall refuse to take the
oath of office after being duly notified the Treasurer shall
prosecute such delinquent as the law directs.

Voted That if any surveyor shall neglect for the space
of 30 days to make return as the law directs and also
of complying with the vote of the town as above
directed the selectmen shall notify the Treasurer
who shall prosecute such surveyor as the law directs.

Voted That the Moderator of the March meeting be a
Committee to put the foregoing in order and get
published and distribute one copy to each surveyor
of highways selectmen and Town Treasurer by the first
of May

Voted to raise 3,750 \$ to be expended in labour
for Roads & Bridges the present year

Voted that for the purpose of rendering unnecessary
many of the cash appropriations for the repair of
roads and dispensing with the allowance of 10 \$ to
each of the highway districts for the repairs thereof
that the selectmen be required to examine the

Read
3750 \$
Tax

Public highways in this town in order to ascertain the
amount of labour needful to be done thereon and
wherever they find the highway tax in any district
clearly insufficient to the repair of the roads therein they
shall require the tax or a part thereof of those persons not
belonging to the same highway district worked in any district
where in their opinion it shall tend best to promote the
public good allowing those persons who are thus directed to
work there tax out of their own districts and who are subjected
to 2 miles extra travel in consequence thereof 10 per cent
discount on the amount of tax so worked

School Committee

By ballot Chose Elisha Ward Esq. Bradford Harlow.
Stillman Benson, Thomas Daggett, & Everett Robinson

Overseers

Disdale Leonard Lamb Ramsdell & John C Perkins

Herring Inspectors

Levin Southworth,ushman Daughan, Elisha Tucker
Nathan Perkins, Daniel Atwood, Dexter Phillips
Lamb Ramsdell, Elisha Burgess, James C.ushman,
Milton Alden Silvanus Barrows John C. Perkins,
Orin Chace, Silvanus Hinkley, Disdale Leonard,
Albert Thomas

Voted to choose 2 Constables Chose

Horatio S. Thomas & Southworth Ellis

Measurers of Wood & Bark

Andrew M. Eaton, George Leonard & Dexter Phillips,
Eunathan M. Wilbur, Lthrop Shurtleff, Cornelius B. Wood
Solomon White, Daniel Alden Bela Kingman Wm. C. Eddy
George M. Wood Abiel M. Southworth George Bennett,
Lthrop S. Thomas, Seth Fuller.

Voted to appropriate 3,125 \$ for schools the present year

Also Voted to appropriate the interest on the Surplus R. Money

for the last year for schools the present year

And to be divided as follows viz 37 districts the sum
of 1 \$ each and on districts No 9. and No 33 the sum

Schools
25 \$

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of \$10 each and the remainder to be divided on the several districts according to the number of polls in each district. Voted that the Road leading from the Bangs Mill House to Myricks Depot for which the Town of Middleborough has been indebted, be referred to the Selectmen of Middleborough for them to act in relation thereto as they shall think proper, giving to them full authority in the premises.

Art 16 Voted to Payover it for ever.

Voted to adjourn to the next meeting at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Monday April 28 1845. Annual March Meeting by adjournment. Eliak Ward Esq Moderator.

Amos Gant Ramsdell made a Report in relation to Annals &c which was by vote accepted & adopted & the same is on file.

The School Committee made their annual Report which was Voted to be printed. Voted to choose a committee to effect the same. Chose Benajah Harlow & Committee.

Voted that he furnish 900 copies for distribution.

Voted that the expenses of the Town last year be assessed & paid.

Voted that the Treasurer Auditors & Assessors of the Poor & Selectmen furnish Majr Harlow with the statement of expenditures the year & to whom paid.

Voted & chose Ishabed Sampson Surveyor of Highways instead of Eben C Shaw gone for the season.

Chose Asaph Atwood Jr Surveyor of Highways.

Chose Churchill O Westgate Sence Driver & Field Driver instead of Saml B.

Chose John P Nelson Surveyor of Highways instead of Eben C Shaw.

Chose Martin O Newton an additional Sence Driver & Field Driver.

Chose Nelson Finney Sence Driver & Field Driver.

The Selectmen Reported a list of Jurors which was by vote recommended to Gant Ramsdell for W Wood & Geo Ward. The report was amended. Then Voted to accept & Voted to adopt the same. The same is recorded & Petition of School Dist No 20 for next year.

Voted to adjourn to the next Town Meeting at 2 O'Clock P.M.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Town Meeting & Monday April 28 1845.

Inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough are hereby notified that pursuant to a Warrant of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Plymouth Co. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleborough in said County Greeting, In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid you are hereby required to Notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough who are duly qualified by law to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town House in said Middleborough on Monday the seventh day of April next at eleven O'Clock in the forenoon then & there to act on the following business To wit.

To choose a moderator to govern said Meeting.

To give in their votes for a County Treasurer.

To see what the Town will do relative to the right of Dower of Samuel Harlows widow in certain land owned by said Town which was set off to the Town by an execution against said Harlow.

To see what said Town will do relative to furnishing Arms or Buildings for depositing the Arms in the case of the Volunteer Companies in said Town and act on anything in relation thereto they may see cause.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the several Public Meeting Houses in said Town of Middleborough in due season as the law requires.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk or before the next day of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of March in the year one Thousand Eight Hundred & Forty five.

Attest Allen Shaw Town Clerk

Richard Sampson
Benajah Harlow
John P Nelson
John P Nelson
John P Nelson
John P Nelson

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April Meeting Continued

By virtue of this Warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Middleborough by posting up notices at the several Meeting Houses in said Town as within directed.

Milton Alden Constable
of Middleborough

Act 1 Voted & chose Eliab Ward Esq. Moderator of 5 Meeting

Act 2 Others Voted by ballot for County Treasurers and the whole number of Ballots was forty nine

County Treasurer

William R. Seaver had 37 Votes
Joseph Bradford " 9 Do
Allen Shaw " 2 Do
Eliab Ward " 1 Do

Act 3 Voted that the subject of the 3 article be referred to the Overseers of the Poor with authority to set off her taxes or pay her so much yearly or pay her out as they think best

Act 4 Voted to refer this Article to a Committee who should fully investigate the subject & make a report at the next town Meeting

Chose for S Committee Land. Rounselle
Lathrop & Thomas & Ebenezer Pickens.

Voted to dissolve this Meeting

Attest A. L. Shaw Town Clerk

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At an adjournment of the Annual March Meeting of 1845- holden April 28th 1845. A Petition was presented at 5 Meeting from School Dist. No 20 which was read & is on file & the following votes were passed

Voted that the Selectmen be requested to insert their petition in the next Town Meeting Warrant

Voted that the School Committee be requested to appropriate the money of the Petitioners in School District No 19 if there is no objections by the above named districts

Attest A. L. Shaw Town Clerk